



# ESSENTIALS

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Title: **ON A MISSION FROM GOD**

Date: MAY 28, 2023

## Leader's Notes:

1. Start and end the life group on time.
2. Facilitate discussions with your group and **give all attendees opportunities to share their thoughts**. Encourage participation.

## Life Group Discussion Proper

### WORSHIP: (15 mins)

*Option 1: In person gathering — assign someone to lead in worship or play two praise & worship songs from You Tube.*

*Option 2: Online home gathering (OR GATHERINGS at a public place, at the park, school campus or café). Ask three to four people to share testimonies of answered prayers or ask the question:*

*Option 3: Ask the group, "What are you thankful to God about this past week?"*

### Main Text: John 17:15-18 NLT

**Intro:** As followers of Christ, we are on a mission. God the Father sent His only begotten Son on the cross so that you and I can be saved. Once we surrender our lives to Christ, we have the responsibility to share the gospel with others so they too can be saved. As we share the good news, they too can have the opportunity to make a decision that will alter their life spiritually and eternally.

**WELCOME:(15 mins)** *Greet everyone. Introduce yourself. Welcome guests/first-time visitors. Ask the group to take turns introducing themselves.*

**Ice-breaker:** Ask the group and give time for participation.

> *Is there anyone who would like to share a verse you have memorized this past week?*

> *Is there anyone who would like to share something you received from your daily devotions this past week?*

### WORD (30– 45 mins)

If we are enthusiastic about your relationship with Jesus, here are 3 steps to sharing our faith with others:

#### 1. PRAY— read Jeremiah 33:3

Start with praying for people in a daily basis. Pray for people to encounter Jesus to soften their hearts to the gospel. Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV— "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

Prayer works wonders! Be intentional in praying for our family, our friends, our neighbours and our colleagues and to pray for them regularly.

**Q: Please pause for a minute, would you think of people you know who you want to encounter the love and mercy of God through His Son, Jesus Christ?**

If we pray for five (5) to ten (10) people everyday, and there are around 1,000 people who calls IWC their home church. That's 5,000 to 10,000 people being prayed for everyday! Ten thousand (10,000) people who will experience the presence of God. Imagine the possibilities of what the presence of Jesus can do in their lives because we pray for them?

**To do: On a piece of paper or the "Notes" on your mobile phones, write at least five (5) to ten (10) names of people you want to pray for (everyday) so that they will encounter the love, mercy and goodness of God.**

Continuation:

## **2. CARE**

We cannot pray and not care!

*"People do not care how much we know until they know how much we care."* John Maxwell.

Someone said, *"Kindness goes a long way."* The Bible says, *"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us,..."* Titus 3:4-5a NKJV

**Q: When we think about the loving care and kindness of God, would you share your most recent experience of God's kindness over your life?**

*"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"*

Romans 2:4 NLT

In much the same way that God has shown us His kindness, we can sow good seeds to people around us. To sow seeds in their hearts through kindness that will eventually lead to making them ripe for harvest.

**Q: Is there anyone in your mind/heart right now that you need to sow seeds of caring and kindness that will eventually lead them to know Christ? Why that particular person?**

## **3. SHARE— Read Mark 16:15-20 NLT**

The responsibility of preaching/ sharing the gospel of salvation belongs to every follower of Jesus Christ!

**Q: Are you familiar with the Roman's Road** of sharing the gospel?

The Roman's Road is not a physical road, but a series of Bible verses from the book of Romans laying out God's plan of salvation. When arranged in order, these verses form an easy, systematic way of explaining the biblical message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Note for LG leaders:** *Ask your members to memorize the verses and during the next meeting, pair up your members and do an actual simulation sharing the gospel with each other using Roman's Road.*

> Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8 (insert John 3:16), Romans 10:9-10,13

**Conclusion:** *"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."* Luke 19:10 NLT

Jesus came to our world, became human just like us. He ate because He got hungry, worked as a carpenter, slept, got tired, got dirty, took baths, etc. But His purpose for coming was very clear from the beginning till the end, He came to seek and save the lost.

## **WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LESSON?**

**Q: Tell your group to partner with someone and ask this question to their partner.**

## **WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer (15 mins.)**

1. Memorize a verse from your devotions this week and be prepared to share it on our next gathering.
2. Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another. If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well. Ask each other, ***"what can I pray for you?"***

### **Leader's Notes:**

1. Please remind your group the schedule for the next gathering.
2. Please ask your group to invite people for the next gathering.
3. Please encourage the group to remember to pray for one another during the week.
4. Assign someone to share from his/her devotion to the group next week. (*min. of 5mins.*)