# Jesus' Church group study

Lesson 7: The Mission

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## Note to Families and Teachers:

Read through the book completely to enjoy the rhyme and get an understanding of the overall concepts. Then go back as time allows to revisit the concepts on each page. Choose which questions are most appropriate for the age children with whom you are reading.

These lessons are meant to be taught to the children simultaneously with the adult Jesus' Church study. So you will be most effective teaching the children and discussing the answers to the questions if you yourself are learning and meditating on these truths with your own study group.

Use this QR code to access supplemental content, like video and songs.



"I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," said Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Matthew 16:18

My church is on a mission, for others' eternity. This will be YOUR mission too ...



A mission is a special task that a person or group is in charge of getting done.

Eternity means endless life after death.

The church's mission is to change what happens in eternity for many people.

# Basic questions:

What is a mission?

Who has Jesus put in charge of His mission that will change eternity?

Video: Jesus Loves Everyone (access using QR code at front of book)

The world is under the power of the evil one through sin: His gates are meant to trap those who obey him.

1 John 5:19

I came to seek and save those under Satan's power. All who believe in Me are freed that very hour.

Luke 19:10; John 3:17

Your mission is to break the gates, and rescue them for Me! I gave My Spirit, Word and prayer, and My name's authority.



Basic questions:

What are gates made for? (either keep people in or keep people out) What do Satan's gates mean in this verse? Why does Jesus want us to break through the enemy's gates? How can people get out from under Satan's power? What is the mission (special job) Jesus has given us?

Advanced question:

What did Jesus give us to help us complete our mission? How does each of these help us?

Once they're saved and baptized, make 'em disciples too! With teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and the prayers with you.

John 17:20

This part of the mission will take a bit of time, Equipping My people to do this special work of Mine.

Ephesians 4:11–16

Then THEY will make disciples, continuing My plan.

Each one has a special part...every boy, girl, woman and man.

Equip means to give the tools needed to do a job.

# Basic questions:

What does Jesus want to happen to people after they are saved?

What is a disciple?

What did Jesus give us to build up and equip people?

# Advanced question:

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

What gifts does Christ give the church to equip people for His work? What happens if everyone does their special work?

Video: Making Disciples (access using QR code at front of book)

# I give every believer this important mission; My final command to all My Church is called: the Great Commission!

GO and make disciples of people in each nation,
GO to where the people are, in each and every location.

Matthew 28:19-20

I have GOOD news to share with you!

A commission is an order to complete something.

<u>Basic questions:</u>

Why do we call this mission the Great Commission?

Did Jesus say to wait in a building and invite people to come?

Where does God want you specifically to go to make disciples in your life right now? If you don't know, pray and ask Him to show you.

Advanced question:

Read Matthew 28:16—20 What did Jesus say had been given to Him so that His followers could 40?

Video: Sharing the Gospel (access using QR code at front of book)

Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, Teach them to obey, all My word as they hear it.

I'm surely with you always, to the very end, To help you with this mission, on Me you can depend!



When people believe in Jesus, they are baptized to show they have become a part of Jesus' Church. Going under the water represents our old sinful life being washed away. Coming up out of the water shows that we are starting a new life with Jesus.

# Basic questions:

Whose name are believers baptized in? Why? What do we need to teach new believers to do? Where is Jesus going to be while we are on this mission?

# Advanced question:

Read Matthew 28:19-20

What are some ways that children can work on this mission?

Video: What is Baptism? (access using QR code at front of book)

I sacrificed My very life to start this mission of love; I humbled Myself to be human, leaving My power up above.

**Philippians 2:7** 

Then I died a criminal's death when sin was put on Me. I took the punishment so you could live eternally.

Philippians 2:8; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:23



To humble yourself is to give up being more important than others. A criminal is someone who has broken the law.

During Jesus' time on earth, the Roman government used crosses to kill criminals.

# Basic questions:

Jesus lived in heaven as God, with all His power.

What powers did Jesus have to leave in heaven to become human?

- · omnipotent: all-powerful
- · omnipresent: everywhere
- omniscient: all-knowing

Read Romans 3:23

What is the payment for sin?

Since Jesus paid the price for sin, what do we get?

Video: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? (access using the QR code in the front of the book)

If you love Me and are thankful for My sacrifice for you, Take up your daily cross and lay your life down too.

Don't live your life just for yourself, but choose to pay the cost. Accept the Great Commission, and help Me save the lost.



To take up your cross is to be willing to suffer (like being uncomfortable or embarrassed)

To lay down your life means to give up what you want for what God wants.

### Basic questions:

Since Jesus gave up everything for us, what should we do for Him? If we live to just entertain ourselves and do what we want, what won't we do? Will you join Jesus' mission to save the people of the world? What will you do differently to work on His mission?

# Advanced question:

Read Matthew 16:24-26 What will the consequences be if you choose to live for yourself instead of Him?

Video: Sharing the Gospel (access using the QR code in the front of the book)



Read: Matthew 7:21–23	
Write: What does this passage mean?	
<b>Pray:</b> Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.	
Day 2   My daily scripture and prayer Read: Luke 6:46–49	
Write: Summarize this passage in your own words.	
<b>Pray:</b> Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.	
Day 3   My daily scripture and prayer	
Read: Ephesians 4:1–4 Write: How many times is your calling mentioned here? What does it ask us to do about our calling?	
Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and	

ask Him to use you to minister to people.

Day 4   My daily scripture and prayer
Read: Mark 16:15–20 Write: What help does this passage tells us we have as we go out to reach the world?
<b>Pray:</b> Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.
Day 5   My daily scripture and prayer Read: Ephesians 2:10
Write: Summarize this verse in your own words.
<b>Pray:</b> Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.
Day 6   My daily scripture and prayer Read: John 8:31–32
<b>Write:</b> According to this passage, how can we tell if someone is a disciple of Jesus?
<b>Pray:</b> Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.
Day 7   My daily scripture and prayer
Read: 2 Timothy 2:20–21 Write: What does this passage tell us we can do to be ready to be used by God?

Pray: Submit yourself to God today as a member of Jesus' Church, and ask Him to use you to minister to people.



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