

CrossPoint Community Facilitator Guide
September 28—Why Church? | To the Ends of the Earth

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

- How have you seen God show up this week?

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Read through the texts below.

- According to Genesis 1v1, what is *God's mission*? What mission did God give *humanity* (Gen. 1v26-28)? What was *Israel's mission* (Gen. 12v1-3)? What was *Jesus' mission* (John 8v28-29, 42 and Col. 1v15-20)? What is the *Church's mission* (Matthew 28v19-20)?
- How do John 1v9-14 and John 16v7 show that God is a “sending God?” What do these verses reveal about the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in mission?
- Read John 20v21. Does your life reveal that you believe you're sent? How so?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice now:

- Everyone is living on a mission—whether career, family, comfort, or success. Take a few minutes to examine your daily rhythms. Whose mission would your rhythms reveal you're living for? How would others' answer this question for you based on how you live your life?
- As you view the lists below, which words resonate with your heart? Which words do you value most? Which do you live by most? What is challenging about the “sent” side?

<u>Sent</u>	<u>Stay</u>
Sacrifice	Safety
Blessing	Comfort
Risk	Stability
Hope	Security
Adventure	Status Quo
Fear	Boredom
Change	Control
Faith	Expectations

Practice this week:

- Isaiah could only say, “*Here I am, send me*” after God first changed his heart and his identity was rooted as a child of God. Where might God need to shape your heart so you can live more fully on mission?
- Following Jesus is costly. Are you willing to die for Jesus? What's a tangible “cost” that God might be inviting you to embrace to follow him more fully?

REFLECT AND PRAY (» 15 MIN)

- Remember, the outcomes are up to God—it's our faithfulness to God that matters. Spend a few moments in silence, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal what's in your heart that's keeping you from engaging in the mission of God.
- Pray together Isaiah's prayer, “*Here I am Lord, send me.*”

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