

A low-angle photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and silhouetting the person in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. The buildings are tall and modern, with some windows glowing with light.

# MISSIO DEI

MISSIONAL GOD. MISSIONAL PEOPLE.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



## Week 1

**Text:** Matthew 28:19–20

**Topic(s):** Evangelism, Bragging about God, Pay Attention

**Big Idea of the Message:** Being on mission with God means following Jesus's final command to us to go and share his message.

**Application Point:** This week spend time thanking God for what he has done for us, then share that with someone else.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Jesus used "behold" to grab his listeners' attention. What are some words that are used today to grab the attention of listeners?
3. What are some methods or situations you have seen where evangelism was done well? Poorly?
4. How would you finish this sentence: "I was stuck in this situation and God helped me by..."?
5. What part of evangelism do you feel least prepared to handle? What part seems the easiest?
6. How can we pray for you?



## Week 2

**Text:** John 15:1–17; Colossians 3:23–24; Galatians 5:13

**Topic(s):** Service, *Agapē*

**Big Idea of the Message:** We serve God by serving others.

**Application Point:** We are called to actively serve one another, not to ignore the needs around us. By serving, we reflect the image of God to those around us.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Based on your mindset, attitude, behavior, and experiences from the last few days, what type of fruit are you producing?
3. Share about a time you experienced *agapē* (brotherly, benevolent, good will) love?
4. Can we as a small group brainstorm a way we can serve together in the next three weeks? (Perhaps it is for someone in the group, but it could be someone else.)
5. Why is participating in acts of service something God commands us to do? How does it benefit both parties?
6. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Hebrews 10:19–25

**Topic(s):** Community, Identity, Nurturing, Leading

**Big Idea of the Message:** Being on mission with God means the community of God is a living and active participant within its geographical community.

**Application Point:** We can go on mission with God by representing him kindly and well to those within the community of God and those yet to know him.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some real-life and practical ways we can admonish and encourage one another in our group tonight?
3. How has our community of believers developed a habit of remembering the past and speaking of a future hope? Is this something we find valuable? How could we better communicate our rich past and wonderful future?
4. In what ways have you seen the church positively influence our community? (Consider our church specifically, but also the general church in our society.)
5. What is your favorite story about being a part of the Christian community?
6. To what extent does the church today look like the early church in its relationship to society? What might need to change in us?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 4**

**Text:** Luke 15:11–24

**Topic(s):** Agents of Grace, Prodigal Son, Welcoming

**Big Idea of the Message:** We are commanded to be agents of grace, but fear, worry, and danger often hold us back.

**Application Point:** God calls us to represent him to the world, to be agents of grace to people we know.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. In the story of the prodigal son and gracious father, with which character do you identify with the most?
3. Our distribution of grace isn't dependent on the perfect cleanliness of others. Let's unpack that statement together. Do we see this being lived out around us?
4. An agent is both a person representing someone or something and a force that causes something to happen. How does this apply to the phrase "agent of grace"?
5. What is the difference between being kind and being nice?
6. How can we pray for you?