

## Living the Mission

Share: Living Sent

**Icebreaker Question:** *What's something you enjoy so much that you naturally tell other people about it?*

### HEAD (Truth – What do we learn?)

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17–21. What does this passage teach us about what God has done to reconcile us to Himself?
  2. What does it mean that God has entrusted us with the “message of reconciliation”?
  3. Paul calls us “Christ’s ambassadors.” What does an ambassador do, and what does that teach us about our role as followers of Jesus?
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### HEART (Reflection – What is God revealing to you?)

1. How does remembering what Jesus has done to reconcile you to God affect your desire to share Him with others?
  2. What tends to keep you from sharing Jesus—fear, busyness, uncertainty, lack of relationships, or something else?
  3. Who has God already placed in your life who may be open to hearing about Jesus?
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### HANDS (Application – What will you do?)

1. Who is your one? Identify one person you will intentionally pray for this week.
2. What is one practical way you can invest in that person or share your life with them?
3. What step could you take to create an opportunity for a Gospel conversation with them?

**Close in prayer:** Pray specifically for your “one”—ask God to open a door, give you courage, and help you represent Jesus with both grace and truth.

## BASIC GROUP GUIDELINES

Though we call these Basic Group Guidelines, these are also essential in all relationships and environments. These should be observed whether in 1-on-1 conversation or in a group discussion.

- Guidelines give boundaries for people to operate within.
- They help with the flow and pace of the discussions.
- They help us value one another.
- They help people to be more comfortable sharing deep and meaningful things.

**Safe Group** – This is a safe group. Confidentiality is key, what is said in the group stays in the group. Be aware how you are affecting the environment: words, actions, non-verbal communication. This needs to be a place where people feel comfortable opening up and sharing.

**No Crosstalk** – Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, checking phone, responding to text or email, etc.

**Listen** – Let's value one another by listening to what is being shared. Allow a pause after someone has shares to allow them to finish and others to consider what was said. Eye contact and body posture play key roles in creating a positive or negative group environment.

**No Rescuing or Fixing** – We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Avoid the tendency to rescue when someone is struggling to get the words out or share struggles or conviction.

**Use "I" Statements** – It's easy to talk about the issues of others or respond with "we", "us", "the church". But for us to grow as disciples, and build relationship, we want to use "I" statements.

**Don't Overtalk** – We want to create time for all members of the group to participate in the discussion. Be careful not to always be the first responder or regularly give long responses.

**Fight for Relationship** – It's not 'if' conflict or hurt feeling will happen, but 'when'. We commit to fight for relationship with each other. Go to that person and share your struggle or seek wise advice if you are not sure how to handle the conflict.

