



BIG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

03.27/28.10 // Compelled ^ Evangelistic Preparations for Launch

BiG iDEA: God's love compels us to win the lost at any cost.

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: Share something that was a good experience for you recently (tried a new restaurant, store, TV show, movie, book, hobby, sports event, etc.)

Option 2: Would you say that you're compulsive about something? Do others call you compulsive?

// Questions for Discussion _____

Why Do We Evangelize?

1. **Why is it so easy to share about other good experiences we've had, but find it so difficult to share our faith?**

2. **Jesus said "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." Mark 16:15 (NLT)**
What are some ways we can fulfill this command individually and as a church?
Do you think it's easier to evangelize when you're a new Christian or a mature Christian? Why?

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:11, 14, 18 - 20**
 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. ...For the love of Christ compels us.... All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
When someone is appointed an ambassador for the U.S., what do they do?
What do you think your life would be like if someone hadn't shared Jesus with you?
Describe how you were first invited to church, and what your experience was like.

4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8**
 We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.
What should our motivation be in sharing Jesus?
What are some ways we can share our life with others?
What affect do you think sharing our lives could have—how does it prepare the way for our verbal witness?

How Do We Evangelize?

Show & Share

4. Read Colossians 4:5 (NLT)

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

What does it mean to live wisely among non-believers?

What are some ways that believers annoy non-believers and actually make them more resistant to Jesus?

Invest & Invite

5. Read 2 Timothy 1: 7 - 8 (NLT)

God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So you must never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

Do you find it challenging to share your faith?

What can you do to overcome your fear? How do you think God can help us?

In what ways does Southpoint help us?

6. Read Luke 14:23 (ESV)

"The master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

What does it show about our attitude toward others when we invite them to church?

Do you think it's harder to invite your family & friends, or strangers out in the "highways and hedges?" Why?

Give and Commit

7. Read 2 Corinthians 8: 2-5

But [the Macedonian believers] are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

What were some things that marked these believers?

Why do you think giving was noted as a privilege?

8. Read Acts 20: 22 - 24

And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

Why are there hardships when we try to spread the love of Jesus?

What should our response be to these hardships?

What are some practical things we can do to get through the hardships?

// Application _____

Read and commit to memory Matthew 16:15 (NLT)

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

Pray and ask your family and friends to Southpoint for Easter

// Prayer _____

For your family and friends that you will invite to Southpoint.

For a great Easter weekend with lots of people and lots of decisions for Christ.

For hearts to be prepared to come to the Allen Park Campus.

Launch To Do List

- ✓ *Pray Daily*
- ✓ *Participate in a Big DEA Group*
- ✓ *Attend Allen Park meetings*
- ✓ *Give to the Allen Park Campus*
- ✓ *Serve on the Launch Team*

See, I am doing a new thing!

Isaiah 43:19