



BiG iDEA C-GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE

C-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).

10.02/03.10 // The Call: To Share the Good News

BiG iDEA: *Wherever you are, wherever you go, have a missionary mindset.*

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: Share the times when someone shared the Good News of Jesus with you. What made you interested or not interested?

Option 2: If cost or time were not an issue, what things would you like to do before you die?

// Questions for Discussion _____

1. Mark 16: 15 - 20

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

What do people think of when they hear "preaching"?

Do you think this command to "preach" applies to you?

What things hinder us from sharing about Jesus?

2. Acts 1: 8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

What does it mean to be a "witness"? How might that be different than "preaching"?

How do you think the Holy Spirit will help us witness?

3. Luke 10: 27

He (Jesus) answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

How can loving God and loving our neighbors help motivate us to share Jesus with them?

4. Luke 14:16-18, 23

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses. ...Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'"

**What are some excuses people give for rejecting God's invitation?
What do you think it means to go to the "highways and hedges"?**

5. 1 Corinthians 3:5 - 7

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

In the process of someone coming to believe in Jesus, what do we do?

What does God do?

How can this encourage us?

6. Luke 10: 2

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

What is Jesus talking about when he's referencing a "harvest"? A harvest of what?

Who are the workers, and what do they do?

7. Psalm 42: 4 - 6

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God...

How can the Good News of Jesus bring hope to a world with little hope?

How can this help us talk about Jesus?

8. 1 Peter 3: 15 - 16

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Why is it important to be prepared when talking about the Good News?

How could using the '4 Facts of Life' on southpointccc.tv be helpful?

What should our attitude be when talking about spiritual things with people?

// Application _____

Read and commit to memory. Acts 1: 8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Go out and share the Good News of Jesus.

// Prayer _____

- **Pray for those whose names were put on the banners to receive Christ.**
- **For boldness to share our hope in Jesus.**
- **For the Allen Park campus grand opening this Sunday!**

