



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE CALLING OF ORDINARY

MATTHEW 28:16-20

AUG. 30, 2015

WRITE OUT YOUR ONE-SENTENCE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

Take the Ordinary Challenge card and write out your focus or application for this week on the card.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Matthew 28:16-20 as a group before discussing these questions. After the group discussion, consider breaking up into smaller groups (2-3) where each person can share what steps they're taking this week in their ordinary challenge and how others can pray for them in that.

1. ICEBREAKER: WHO IS SOMEONE YOU LOOKED UP TO AND IMITATED AS A CHILD? WHY DID YOU LOOK UP TO THIS PERSON?

2. WHAT WORDS, ACTIONS, AND BEHAVIORS COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF DISCIPLESHIP? WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF DISCIPLING SOMEONE ELSE?

3. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY (V. 18) AND IS WITH US (V. 20) AS WE OBEY HIS COMMISSION TO MAKE DISCIPLES? HOW MIGHT THAT GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOU ON AN ORDINARY DAY?

4. JESUS SAYS NOT ONLY TO TEACH OTHERS BUT TO TEACH THEM TO OBEY WHAT THEY'RE LEARNING. HOW CAN WE GROW IN RESPONDING TO AND OBEYING THE KNOWLEDGE WE DO HAVE?

5. HOW HAS YOUR ORDINARY CHALLENGE HELPED YOU GROW AS A DISCIPLE OVER THE LAST MONTH? WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THE CHALLENGE THAT HELPED YOU TAKE A STEP TOWARD MATURITY?

6. DISCIPLES ARE THOSE WHO KNOW, FOLLOW, IMITATE, AND REPLICATE JESUS. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT BOTH OUR OWN PERSONAL GROWTH AS WELL AS HOW WE HELP OTHERS TO GROW? HOW ARE YOU STRATEGICALLY INVESTING IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS?

7. HOW CAN YOU INTENTIONALLY LET JESUS IMPACT ALL OF THE ORDINARY SPHERES IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

LIVE|15 FAMILY FOCUS

For LIVE|15 we are including a family focus to our regular sermon application guide. The goal of this focus is to provide three questions that parents can ask their children in order to help them get the most out of LIVE. These questions can be discussed in one sitting or stretched out over the course of the week, and are intended to supplement the content of KidLIVE, so you'll want to make sure that your children pick up a copy of the Kid's Notes each Sunday of LIVE.

1. FOLLOWING JESUS

Discuss: Read Matthew 28:16-20 with your children. Ask your children how they would **define the word, "disciple"**. What do disciples do? What do disciples say? Who do disciples serve? Ask your children if they would call themselves disciples of Jesus and why or why not?

Pray: Pray with your children that God will help them follow Jesus with their whole hearts. Praise God that Jesus has promised to be with His disciples to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20).

2. DISCIPLESHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS

Discuss: Ask your children what it would look like to bring the gospel into their different **relationships**. How does the gospel affect the way that they interact with their parents, friends, neighbors, or classmates? What can they do to intentionally bring the gospel into those different relationships?

Pray: Pray with your children that the God would give them hearts that love the gospel and want to bring the gospel into every area of life. Praise God that He has given followers of Jesus the Spirit to enable them to live out the gospel in their relationships.

3. KID LIVE CHALLENGES

For KidLIVE, children are being challenged to pick one of the following areas to focus on for the month of August: 1. Prayer , 2. Bible reading/memorization, 3. Trusting God, 4. Loving others.

Discuss: Ask your children how they are doing with their KidLIVE challenge. How does the challenge that they selected help them to follow Jesus?

Pray: Pray with your children that God would further reveal Himself to them through their challenge. Pray that God would work through their challenge to grow their faith and trust in Him.

RESOURCES

COLLEGE PARK SERMON ON THE GREAT COMMISSION: <http://bit.ly/1PwRFM3>

COLLEGE PARK BLOG ON DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MULTIPLICATION: yourchurch.com/blogondiscipleship

COLLEGE PARK BLOG ON THE GREAT COMMISSION: yourchurch.com/blog-ongreatcommission

BLOGS ON FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP:

<http://bit.ly/1PQNATS>

<http://bit.ly/1WQNNLu>

BOOKS:

TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP by Eric Griger, Michael Kelley, and Philip Nation

GOSPEL-CENTERED DISCIPLESHIP by Jonathan Dodson

SATURATE by Jeff Vanderstelt

MULTIPLY: DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES by Francis Chan