

Mission Amidst Madness  
Make A Difference  
Discussion Guide, January 31, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

- How were you intentionally "on mission" this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What is the best way to make a difference in the world?

It's worth rereading a couple passages from last week as these texts reflect the greatest way to make a difference in the world: **READ: Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 28:18-20.**

- How prepared do you feel to MAKE BETTER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS?

There are many ways to reach out and make disciples, but there are a few that we like to emphasize at Cornerstone. While it can feel scary to fulfill our mission, it does not have to be near as scary as we typically think.

Three ways we can (and should) work to make new disciples are **through impacting the next generation (at home and in church), engaging intentionally, and through expressing hospitality.**

**NEXT GENERATION: READ and ASK: Deuteronomy 6:4-6, Psalm 78:1-7, Ephesians 6:1-4**

- What do these texts say about impacting the next generation?
- Who is primarily responsible for the spiritual well being of children?
- What can we do when parents do not fulfill their role?
- How can the church be a major asset even to the parents who raise their children in Christ?
- How does impacting the next generation go beyond just parents to their children?
  - o What are some ways the church can impact the next generation?
  - o A missionary learns the culture of the people they are reaching in order to effectively reach them; why is it just as important for older generations to learn and utilize the culture of the generations younger than them?

**INTENTIONAL ENGAGEMENT: READ and ASK: John 4:4-26, Ephesians 5:15-16**

- How did Jesus intentionally engage with this woman?
- How did he take advantage of the opportunity he had?
- A part of intentionally engaging with people is building a relationship with them. How can we intentionally engage with those who do not know Christ?

- Like Jesus, how do we share of the living water (the gospel)?
  - o Why is a relationship especially important in our culture for gospel effectiveness?

**EXPRESS HOSPITALITY: READ and ASK: Hebrews 13:1-2, 1 Peter 4:7-10, Matthew 11:19**

- What is hospitality? What is the difference between hospitality and "entertaining?"
- How does showing hospitality break down barriers between you and who you are being hospitable to?
- Jesus spent a lot of time around tables sharing meals with people who were called "sinners." How do you think such a connection with people made impact on those Jesus gathered with?
  - o How can we do the same with our hospitality?

**APPLY:**

- How you need to consider the next generation in your involvement in the corporate life of the church?
- How do you need to be more intentional in engaging the next generation?
- Who can you intentionally engage with that you already know who does not know Christ?
  - o How can you do that?
- How can you intentionally show hospitality to someone in order to make a gospel difference on their life in the coming weeks?
- NEXT STEP: What step do you need to make in order to be a difference maker?

Memory Work:

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. - Ephesians 5:15-17