

I Am Cornerstone, I Am Sent
Week's Topic: I Am Cornerstone, I Am Sent
Discussion Guide: March 5, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: 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.'" - Luke 10:27

What opportunities did you have to love your neighbor this past week?

OPEN:

- What do you believe is the best way to change the world?
- What images or thoughts come to mind when you hear the words "evangelize" or "convert"?

READ and ASK: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:13-18; Luke 10:1-10; Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:7-9

- What is your gut-level, first reaction to these scriptures?
 - o In what ways are you motivated and perhaps even intimidated by them?
- How does loving your neighbor relate to living the mission God has called the church to?
- Jesus was known as a "friend of sinners" (Mt 11:16-19). How does that challenge the way you reach out to others?
- When you think about reaching people do you think about it in terms of "converting them" or "blessing them"?
 - o Which way did Jesus seem to do it?
- Over the coming weeks we will be talking about how to change the world by B.L.E.S.S.ing people (Begin with prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share your Story).
 - o Do you believe this could truly be a strategy to change the world?

APPLY:

- If you are Cornerstone (a part of the Church), you are sent. As a church member, is that how you have viewed yourself? Why or why not?

- In what way does God need to prepare your heart for this series?
- Who in particular would you love to impact with the love of Jesus?
- NEXT STEP: In what way can you *begin* to become a friend with someone who doesn't know Jesus this week?

"We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it."

- Madeleine L'Engle

Memory Work:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10

Next Week's Reading:

Begin with Prayer: Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 6:9-13; Colossians 4:2-6