



Key References:

Mark 16:15–18 (ESV)

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Matthew 9:37–38 (ESV)

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Mike on Sunday said; “We need to understand that we are a royal priesthood, empowered by the Holy Spirit and commissioned by Jesus to go into all the world and make disciples.” **Spend some time discussing what “making disciples” truly means and entails. Where does it start, end, and how does call us all to produce them?**

What are the biggest physical and social barriers you find between yourself and being able to make disciples like Jesus commanded?

Read Mark 16:15-18. **Knowing those promises, how should we expect the barriers we mentioned earlier to be miraculously dismantled? Do you have any testimonies of such things?**

Do we have enough faith in God that He could actually use us to make disciples?

Mike also said on Sunday; “If we are only about gathering at the expense of going, the enemy is not afraid of us.” **How could God use this Connect Group lead us into real disciple making? What needs to happen or change for this Connect Group to become more outward focused?**

Mike gave some examples of how good deeds have opened up doors in ministering to his neighbors. **How has God used physical deeds to open up ministry opportunities for you in the past?**

Who is one person that you know who you would like to see become a Christian? What steps can you take to open up a door with this person? How important in relying on the Holy Spirit and prayer in this process?

How can we posture ourselves to say yes to God’s call, like Isaiah did in Isaiah 6:8? What must we do ourselves, and what has to come from the Holy Spirit as we go?

In closing on Sunday Mike said: “The first thing the enemy wants to do is keep you looking inward, and he going to want you to feel condemned.” **What practical steps can we take to keep our eyes focused on the daily missional call of God and not let the enemy have his way?**