

## Who We Are Week 4 – Sharing Hope

### Message Based Curriculum

#### Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: Sharing the hope of the Gospel with a world that desperately needs it

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#### Discussion Questions

1. **What would the world look like if Christians completely disengaged from society?**
  - In the message, Jason shared a quote: “All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Can you think of some examples – let’s think of 2 or 3 from Scripture and 2 or 3 from the history of the world. Does this quote convict you at all? How so?
2. **The Gospel in Your Life:**
  - **Do you believe that the Gospel is actually the solution to all of the pain in the world today?** As a group, discuss your collective understanding of the Gospel and how it impacts everyday life. (Note to the leader: Consider going around the circle and having each person name one way the Gospel has impacted their week. This could be a good way to gauge a practical understanding of the Gospel among the members in your group.)
  - How has your understanding of the Gospel proven to be more than a one-time decision in your life?
3. Read **Matthew 28:16-20** as a group. What stands out to you? If you had to give yourself a letter grade, how well would you say you have been at living out the Great Commission?
  - “Make disciples of all nations” – How do you think the church as a whole has done with this mission?
4. **Make it Personal:**
  - Who are the people in your life that need Gospel hope? Be specific as this will shape how we pray at the end of our time together. (Note to the leader: there is a very real possibility that someone in your group may be in such a “bubble” that they really don’t have much of a relationship with non-believers. As the church, if we’re going to move forward the mission Jesus has given us, we need to know how to move towards those who are far from God, even when it’s uncomfortable for us. This may be a concept worth having further discussion about)
5. **Read Jeremiah 29:4-7:**
  - This passage encourages us to seek the welfare of the place where God has put us. How can we actively contribute to the well-being of our community (workplace, city, neighborhood, etc.)?
6. **Group Effort**

- Obviously, this is something that is imperative for believers to live out. How can we as a group hold one another accountable and consistently check in with one another to help each of us stay focused on our God-given responsibility to share hope?
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### **Prayer Time**

- Either break into pairs or smaller groups or as a group share and pray for one another.
    - **Pray for the lost:** Spend some time in meaningful prayer for the people in your lives who don't know Jesus. Share your concerns, your laments, and your deep desire for them to know Jesus.
    - **Pray for Boldness:** Ask the Lord to use you in powerful and meaningful ways to reach the person/people you're praying for.
    - **Encouraging Prayer:** Pray for your prayer partner. The Holy Spirit would empower them to take the next step in pointing others to Him. Pray for their fears and insecurities. And pray that the Lord will provide them plenty of opportunities to share the Gospel with others.
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### **Closing**

- Reassemble as a group and close in a final prayer, thanking God for His grace and asking for opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Spend your closing time reminding your group that they can't share the Gospel if they don't know the Gospel. Commit together as a group to growing in knowledge of God and His Word, and intimacy with Christ through gospel-centered lives.