



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 4

Go (Part 1)

Mark 16:15, Matthew 25:14-30

God invites us to be on mission with Him to see the world won for Jesus Christ. We bring the mission of God into the world **we** are in. God has uniquely wired and gifted us so that we can bring the gospel into each of our conversations, relationships, opportunities, endeavours, and careers.

We have a calling on our life, and when we are “on mission” with God, we are committed to living according to that calling. However, it is possible to live our lives saved and miss the power of living our lives both saved **and** called. Most people have two lives: the life they are living and the un-lived life within them. Resistance fills the gap between the way we are living and that un-lived life.

Resistance is the result of unbelief and hardness of heart towards what God can do in and through us. It can look like procrastination, fear, rationalization, and self-sabotage. We are meant to make a difference in the Kingdom of God, but resistance holds us back from the purpose of God moving forward in our life.

We must make a decision that we are going to act on the call of God on our lives and that we are not going to live with a big gap of resistance between the life we are living and the un-lived life within us. We are passionate about seeing potential released in the church of Jesus Christ and seeing people take a hold of the mission, breaking free from the unbelief of what God can do in us.

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Who was your favourite music group in high school?

Q: What does it look like for the church to be on mission **with** God?

Q: How can we bring everyday conversations, relationships, hobbies and occupations into the mission of God? Give some examples.

Q: How does or can this relate to where you do your daily life?

Q: What dreams has God kindled or re-stirred in you in this year of mission and revival?

Q: If you were fulfilling your potential and living the life of your God-given dreams, what would it look like?

Q: What kind of things can get in the way of a person living this kind of life?

Q: What about you? What things get in the way for you?

Q: What are you prepared to do about those things? (**Leader's Tip:** This is a good opportunity to get people to invite the rest of the CG into helping them move forward.)

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Read Jonah 1:1-17

- Q.** What was the mission given to Jonah? How did it relate to God's mission? (**Tip:** God wanted to bring repentance and revival to Nineveh)
- Q.** What was the resistance that kept Jonah from his mission?
- Q.** How did Jonah overcome his resistance? What can we learn?
- Q.** What other biblical examples come to mind when you think about overcoming resistance? (**Tip:** Gideon, Saul, Samson, Moses)

Read Parable of the Talents -Matt 25:14-30

- Q.** What does this parable suggest to us about what God is looking for from us?
- Q.** What are the contrasts between the first and second servants and the third servant?
- Q.** What lessons can we apply to our own lives from these servants?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** Who inspires you by the way they live "on mission" in everyday life? Why?
- Q:** What barriers can people experience to living "on mission" in everyday life? How can we as leaders help them move forward?
- Q:** Are there books unwritten, projects not undertaken, or entrepreneurial ventures lying buried? Tell us about them. Why have you not done them?
- Q:** How are you as a leader going to pursue those things, and help those around you to do the same?

Strategising

Spend time with your leaders coming up with plans for:

- Cultivating revival
- Growing leaders

PRAY TOGETHER

- Colour Conference Week 2 - Everyone engages with the spirit of all that is happening
- Easter Weekend – People to encounter Jesus!
- Nation Builders Faith Goal