

Leader Guide for SESSION 3: THE DISCIPLE'S FIRST MISSION

Overview:

When most people think about mission, they probably think about taking action. For the Christian, this is also true, but only if he/she is actively abiding with Jesus Christ. This session explores the disciple's first mission, which is nothing other than being with Jesus. Any fruitful evangelizing activity is contingent upon and flows from this relationship.

Session Outline:

- The facilitator should welcome everyone, provide time for any necessary introductions, and lead a brief opening prayer. Next, he/she should read the overview (see above) or provide an overview of the session in his/her own words.
- Watch Segment 1: Being with Jesus is Your First Mission (7:54)
 - Discuss with your group: What's different about your life when you are living it with Jesus, versus the times when you are not?
- Hand out the "Appointment with God" worksheet and watch Segment 2: Canal vs. Reservoir (7:23)
 - After watching, direct the group members to pray with and complete the "Appointment with God" worksheet.
 - Next, invite group members to share a bit about their responses to the questions on the worksheet and discuss the following as a group: What possible obstacles will you confront in attempting to carry out your commitment? Who can hold you accountable?
- Watch Segment 3: From the Inside Out (4:16)
 - As a group, discuss the following: Are you living life from the inside out? If not, what adjustments do you need to make?
- Takeaways and Closing Prayer
 - The facilitator should invite participants to briefly share their biggest takeaway or question from the session. The facilitator should note these carefully, as they will provide fodder for one-on-one follow up.
 - The facilitator should close the session with a prayer.