



God's MISSION is our mission

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
MATTHEW 28:18-20

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GOD’S MISSION IS OUR MISSION is designed and written for the Kingston Community Church family and its associated small group ministry.

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TO LOVE AND HONOUR **GOD** IN BEING
D**DISCIPLES**
and helping make disciples of our
LORD JESUS CHRIST MATTHEW 28:18-20

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INTRO



What is God's mission in this world? God's story, the Bible tells us exactly what he is up to!

God's mission is about relationship repaired, people restored, and redemption made. He invites us not only to be recipients of that mission, but participants in it as well.

This series will grow our understanding and response to a mission that God initiates but also invites us to be a part of.

We will explore our Individual and corporate responsibility to God's mission.

We will do this by discovering together...

- The message and nature of the gospel (God's story).
- The relational nature of how God works in and through us.
- The restorative heart God has for his creation.
- The redemptive work that sees people becoming disciples.

We will also use the story of Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman as a way of illustrating across the series. This story speaks volumes to where the church should go and what it could expect when it got there.

If we increasingly know and respond to God's mission, then we will see and experience the building and coming of God's Kingdom.

This study requires commitment. A commitment to the Bible. A commitment of time. A commitment to each other as we hear the mission of God and understand our place in it.

Join us in studying GOD'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION within a small group as you seek to share in God's mission, share God's story, so that **because of his (Christ's) words many more became believers. (JOHN 4:41)**

GOD'S STORY

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In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

HEBREWS 1:1-2

PERSONAL PREPARATION

In preparation for the Sunday message and your small group session, jot down how you would summarise the story, the message of the Bible.

READ SCRIPTURE

Read JOHN 4:1-42

MESSAGE NOTES

Listen and take notes from the Sunday morning message or listen online.
<https://www.kingstoncommunitychurch.com>

GROUP STUDY

OPEN IN PRAYER

OPENING QUESTION

What is “the gospel”? How would you explain it in one or two sentences to someone who has never heard this word?

SETTING THE SCENE

The gospel is the whole story of God and God’s people, the story that goes from first creation to new creation and pivots on the coming, death, resurrection and going of Jesus.

It is a story that is an invitation to be a part of God’s plan to remake a people and place. A kingdom and a people. A King and His people.

The Bible is the story of God and his creation. It is about the creator God who established a world, a kingdom. It is about a people who God created to live in this world and have relationship with him. To live as representative of God but also to look after his creation. It is about a debt, when people disobeyed God and had to leave their place with God. It is about God who sort to lead his people back to himself and their rightful place through prophets, priests, and kings. It is a story of people’s failures, so God sent his Son to do what no one else could do, to rescue everyone from their disobedience. It is a story about God sending his Son Jesus as the Messiah, the King to re-establish his kingdom. It is a story of a people who are called to follow their king. King Jesus.

God is writing a story. As one writer put it, history is HIS-STORY.

READ SCRIPTURE

Have someone read LUKE 4:14-21

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

What were the main truths you heard from the message on Sunday?

USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

■ Who is the Bible fundamentally about, or asked another way, who is the main character of the Bible?

- How can we know this?

■ There are repeated truths spoken and lived across the Bible story.

- What are some of these?
- Where do you see these revealed across God's story?

■ What do you understand it to mean that the Bible is the progressive revelation of God?



■ If the Bible is God's progressive revelation, how has God revealed His mission across the Bible story, His story?

■ In LUKE 4:18-19, Jesus begins his public ministry by announcing his mission statement. How did Jesus see this fulfilled? LUKE 4:21

■ How does God's mission, as revealed progressively across his story, the Bible, and specifically in LUKE 4:18-21, challenge your understanding of the God's mission?

■ In LUKE 4:18-19, Jess identifies a number of categories. People who are poor, people who are imprisoned, people who are blind or suffering, and people who are oppressed.

- Who do you know who fits each of these categories?
(write their names)

POOR:

IMPRISONED:

BLIND/SICK:

OPPRESSED:

- What does God's mission desire to see happen for each of these people?
- What is your desire for these people?
- What stands in the way of God's mission, being your mission?

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH PARTICIPANT TO CONTRIBUTE PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS AND AS A GROUP SHARE IN A TIME OF PRAYER

