

SESSION 5 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET STARTED

We are not just a part of the Church, we are also a part of families and friend groups. In our lives, we have been to places: vacations, adventures, mission trips, etc. This week, share a photo of your family or friends in a different place/location and a story that goes along with it.

Think about all the trips you have ever taken: vacations, concerts, events, etc. What is the best place you have ever been? What made it “the best”?

TAKE IT IN

Watch Session 5: WE are SENT at mynorthside.com/WE. What encouraged or challenged you from the video and daily study guide this week?

TALK IT OVER

Read Matthew 9:35-38

- In these verses, Jesus sees the crowds and feels compassion for them. How does this type of compassion look in our own lives? How can we cultivate a heart of compassion for those around us?
- We are NEEDY. Whether we like it or not, we need lots of things to live. We need food, water, shelter, love, attention, and the list could go on. It is normal to have deep physical and emotional needs. Jesus had a unique ability to recognize the needs of the people He encountered. What are some specific needs (physical, emotional, etc.) you see in our community? How can we address these needs as a group?
- Prayer is an important part of having a relationship with God. In these verses, Jesus instructs us to pray for workers for the harvest. How can we encourage one another to engage in prayer for more workers? How can we as individuals step into roles as “workers” in the harvest field? What unique gifts or talents do you think you can offer?
- “*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*” This one sentence is simply powerful! What do you think this means in today’s context? What barriers or fears might prevent you from stepping into the work of the harvest? How can you overcome these obstacles together with your group?

Read Matthew 10:1-20

- In verses 1-4, Jesus calls and commissions His disciples. What does it mean to be called by God? What calling(s) has God placed on you in your own life? What calling(s) might God be placing on our group?
- In verses 5-10, Jesus instructs the disciples on how to carry out their mission. He tells them to go to those who are lost, heal the sick, take no pay, and take the minimum of what you need. What principles from these verses can we apply to our own approach to sharing the Gospel? Who are the lost in our community? How can we help the sick? What does it look like to spread the Gospel and take no credit? What would be the absolute minimum of what you would need if you were put in this position?
- Some of these verses discuss how to handle rejection. Following Jesus is the best thing, but He is clear that following Him does NOT mean we are without hardships. In which verses do you see rejection? What are some practical ways to respond when our message is not welcomed? How can we remain encouraged in the face of rejection?
- Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will speak through the disciples. How can we be more attuned to the Holy Spirit's guidance in our conversations and actions? Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit leading you in a significant way while sharing your faith? How was that experience, and what did you learn from it?

LIVE IT OUT

This week, pray for more workers for the harvest! Ask God for guidance on how you can be sent. There may be a harvest in your neighborhood, workplace, community, or around the world. Regardless, ask God to help you see the harvest and to give you a boldness to go. Along the way, if you and/or your group are interested in serving, check out www.mynorthside.com/serve. There you can discover ways to serve at Northside and in our community.

Daily Study Guide: Take 30 minutes each day to complete the daily study guide. Don't think of it as homework, but relational time growing alongside your Heavenly Father. Come ready to discuss what you are learning at the next group session.

Memorize: *“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” (Matthew 9:36-37)*