



Worship – **Reach** – Connect – Grow – Serve

SLE Church 2023

Recap/Objectives

Opening Discussion:

1. When did you first hear the gospel clearly explained to you?
2. Who was/were the most significant person/s to reach out to you with the gospel?

Bible Readings:

- John 3:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:14-15

Talk – Part 1

Introduction

1. *God's Heart for the World (John 3:16-17)*

a. God's love for the world

b. God's love through the Son

2. *God's Mission for His People (Matt 28:18-20, Rom 10:13-15)*

Discussion Questions:

1. In your Christian life at the moment, how far would you say your faith extends?
2. What would it look like for you to be someone who reaches out to the lost?
3. What would it look like for a church to be actively seeking to reach out to the lost?

Talk – Part 2

3. *Mission, SLE Church, and You*

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one area of global mission involvement can you get involved with straightaway?

2. Write down (here, on your phone or your diary) the names of 3 people you can be praying for and 3 people you will try to invite to church or bring up your faith with. If you're comfortable, share with the group about one of these people.

3. Pray for each other!

Q&A

Ponder (in your own time):

"In a culture of evangelism, there is an understanding that everyone is engaged. Have you ever heard someone say, "Evangelism is not my gift," as if that excused him from sharing his faith? That's a kindergarten understanding of evangelism. All Christians are called to share their faith as a point of faithfulness, not gifting (Matt. 28:19)."

"In a culture of evangelism, the goal is for everyone to share, pray, and take opportunities as they come. We can challenge people to come to faith, but there are no instructions in the New Testament for a sinner's prayer. We trust God to bring sinners to repentance. Our responsibility is to be faithful witnesses—together."

— J. Mack Stiles, *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*

Suggested resource list:

- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* - JI Packer
- *How to Talk About Jesus (Without Being That Guy)* - Sam Chan
- *Marks of the Messenger* - J. Mack Stiles
- *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus* - J. Mack Stiles