

Weekly Cell Guide

Leader's Copy

Series - Missions Emphasis Week
Topic - The Final Mandate (Luke 24:44-49)

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WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Making A Difference
2. Send Me
3. Spirit Touch Your Church

WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Own the final mandate as their very own.
2. Make tangible changes in their lives to live out the final mandate.

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Our faith is grounded in the Scriptures.
2. Our message is centred on repentance and forgiveness of sins.
3. Our mission is empowered by the Spirit.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

1. Introduction

- The word "Mandate" means the commission to do something.
- This was the final instruction from Jesus after He was crucified and had resurrected.

2. Point 1 – Our Faith Is Grounded In the Scriptures (vs. 44-46)

- The source of our mandate and mission is the revelation of God through His Word.
 - Jesus explained the Scriptures to His disciples bringing revelation to them.
- The subject of our mission is the work of Christ on the cross.
 - Jesus explained that Scripture points towards the revealing of Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.

3. **Point 2 – Our Message Is Centred On Repentance And Forgiveness Of Sins (vs. 47-48)**
 - We believe the Gospel for ourselves, confessing our sins and trusting Christ.
 - The starting point of the mandate is that we, ourselves, have come to believe and experience this gospel, resulting in the confession of our sins and placing our trust in Christ as Saviour.
 - As a result, we are compelled to go and proclaim the message of the Gospel to others.
 - Illustration: Japan has been known to be a hard ground for missions but yet 2 Japanese individuals gave their lives to Christ through the delivery of gospel tracts to their homes by one of our mission teams in Japan.
 4. **Point 3 – Our Mission Is Empowered By The Spirit (vs. 49)**
 - There is power available for us to fulfill God’s mandate. This is demonstrated in Acts 1-2.
 - This power is God’s gift for all disciples.
 - Illustration: RLC mission teams have seen many miraculous signs and wonders during their medical mission trip to Sarangani, Philippines.
 5. **Conclusion (Application)**
 - Come to love your Bible more and more as you discover its one message from God to you.
 - Respond to Jesus by repenting of your sins and believing upon Him.
 - Be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill God’s mandate.
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Discussion Questions

1. **It was reported in 2015 that 10% of the world’s population lived on less than USD1.90 a day (worldbank.org). Another statistic in 2018 highlights that there are 3.15 billion people in the world today that have never heard the name of Jesus (Source: Bethany Global University). Barna Institute reported that only 64% of Christians (in America) believe that evangelism is the responsibility of Christians (barna.com). Do you think that Christians should do more in the area of missions and evangelism? Why do you think Christians are not doing more in these areas? [15 min]**

Leader’s Notes:

The purpose of this question is to hear the various opinions on why Christians are not doing more to reach out and to love those who need Christ when they have been so abundantly blessed. Do note that there are no right or wrong answers to this question. It’s about getting everyone’s opinion in order to help them be comfortable to discuss this topic.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

The discussion above focuses on the global state. (Pointing it back to us.) If we look at the statistics, are we the 64% or are we the 36%? Why then are we in Singapore, who have been blessed so much, are seemingly passive towards being witnesses for Christ? We must look again at the words of Christ.

2. **Read Luke 24:46-48. Jesus states that we are “witnesses of these things”. What does Jesus mean by that? What is the implication for us in this statement? [15 min]**

Leader's Notes:

The key principle here is this – we have all experienced Christ, seen His wonderful works and come to know Him as our Saviour. Thus, we are “witnesses” of Him! Therefore, if we have known Him to be real, and come to know Him as our Lord and Friend, what matters to Him must matter to us. Therefore, this final mandate must matter to us.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

We have seen from this passage that Jesus expects us to be His witnesses. We were never called to be passive but be involved disciples in His work of saving the lost. However, the reality is that evangelism (including community outreach) and missions is not a lifestyle for many of us.

- 3. If there is an expectation for us to be witnesses, what is stopping you from becoming one? What can you do from today onwards so that you can begin living as a witness? In Joel 2:28, God speaks of pouring out the Holy Spirit on us. Our mission is empowered by the Spirit and members are encouraged to pray and seek God's prompting to stir their hearts and hands to do God's work. In Luke 24:49, the command is to wait until the Spirit comes upon us. After sharing on the specific changes in lifestyle and/or commitment to change, the cell can pray through these either as a whole or in pairs. [15 min]**

Leader's Notes:

This is the segment where we allow the Bible to sift through us. Encourage your members to share authentically their struggles in regards to the final mandate – why is it not a reality/lifestyle for them? Then encourage them to think of steps they can take so that they can become more witness-ful. Encourage them to be accountable to one another so that they can grow in this area. (You can break them up into smaller groups so that the sharing can go deeper.)

Suggestion: At the end of the segment, you can allow for some time to pray for your members that need a fresh empowerment of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of witnessing.

Transition (Wrapping Up, Vision Casting To Cell & Closing The Discussion)

Everyone has his or her journey in being a witness. Some, more ready than others. The important thing is that we continue to mature towards it. Encourage your members to work on the steps they shared with one another and to update each other when progress has been made. Also, as we approach Christmas, vision-cast to your cell to be fully participative when cell outreaches are being done this year end – everybody plays their part in welcoming and making our visitors feel at home in the cell.

At this point, you might also want to ask if together as a cell, can you do something missional? This may include being involved in the RCS Bless or Tuition Program, going on a mission trip together, do a collection to give to the nations, etc.

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. For our church to have a “witnessing” culture in our lives.

2. For our missions and RCS departments to be fruitful in their work of witnessing.
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Church Vision

“A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations.”

Mission

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.