

# **“Missional Mindset”**

## **Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #4**

### **INTRODUCTION**

When we see the word “mission” we often think of someone moving to a far away land to preach the Gospel. But having a missional mindset means that our focus, our resources, our identity and our motivation are firmly grounded in Jesus. It is about loving and serving the people in our lives, for God’s purpose, by his power, as his people and for his glory.

#### ***Ice Breaker (Optional):***

Have you ever taken a missions trip? If so briefly share the experience with your group.

### **STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)**

#### **Living For God’s Purpose (Our Focus)**

**Q1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:15, Luke 4:18-19, Luke 19:10, Matthew 20:28**

Each of us must ultimately decide what we live for (2 Corinthians 5:15). When we make Jesus our Lord, we give Him authority to use us for His purposes. We see God’s purpose clearly in Luke 4:18-19, Luke 19:10, Matthew 20:28. How would you summarize God’s purpose? What are some things that commonly compete for our focus in living our lives for God’s purpose rather than our own? What is one thing you can do to help keep you focused on God’s purpose?

#### **Living By God’s Power (Our Resource)**

**Q2. Read Acts 1:8, Luke 9:1-2, Matthew 17:20**

Living our lives on mission for God can be an overwhelming (actually impossible) task if we attempt to do it in our own power. What is the source of our power according to Acts 1:8, and Luke 9:1-2? What can we expect to accomplish according to these verses? What is our part in seeing God’s purpose accomplished according to Matthew 17:20?

#### **Living As God’s People (Our Identity)**

**Q3. Read 1 Peter 2:9, Zephaniah 3:17**

If you explore the scriptures you will find believers described in many terms. This is the way God see us. How does who we are (1 Peter 2:9)

royal, holy and the special possession of God, what response does it evoke in you? How does Zephaniah 3:17 describe God's response to you?

### **Living For God's Glory (Our Motivation)**

#### **Q4. Read Revelation 4:11, 1 Chronicles 16:24-25, 1 Corinthians 10:31**

Bringing glory to God means bringing Him honor. What motivates us to do this? We bring glory to God both in what we say (1 Chronicles 16:24-25) and in what we do (1 Corinthians 10:31). Which do you find easier – honoring God in your actions or your words? If you were to honor God in the way you find more challenging (actions or words), what might you do as a first step?

### **WRAP-UP**

One quality of a disciple of Christ is having a missional mindset. This means that we will live our lives for God's purpose; to seek and save the lost. We live not in our own power, but by God's power. We identify ourselves as God's people; chosen, royal, precious and holy. And finally, we live our lives for His glory in what we say and what we do, because He is worthy to receive all honor and praise.

#### **Memory Verse**

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15 NIV*

### **PRAYER (20 MIN)**

*Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Pray for your group members' needs: \_\_\_\_\_*

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*Challenge: Write a short, 3-line personal mission statement this week including in it your identity and purpose.*

### **Q1.**

2 Corinthians 5:15 NIV - 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Luke 4:18-19 NIV - 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 19:10 ESV - 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Matthew 20:28 NIV - 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### **Q2**

Acts 1:8 NIV - 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Luke 9:1-2 NIV - 1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Matthew 17:20 NIV - 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

### **Q3**

1 Peter 2:9 NIV - 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Zephaniah 3:17 NIV - 17 The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

## Q4

Revelation 4:11 ESV - 11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

1 Chronicles 16:24-25 NIV - 24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. 25 For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV - 31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Prayers Con't: \_\_\_\_\_

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