

## SESSION 24

# OUR MISSION

God&Me&Us

## Focus Point

Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. We need to tell them about eternity and the Good News of Jesus.

## The Key Truths

Go into all the world. Speak of eternity. Tell them that today is not all there is. Preach the Gospel, love your neighbour, glorify God.

Using scriptures that speak of the commission to preach the gospel, the need for people to hear so they can be saved, and the great power God has given us in His Holy Spirit, this episode focuses on the command of Jesus to go into all creation and spread the Good News of the Kingdom. We cannot selfishly hold on to what we have learned, but we have to share it with a lost and dying world, who, without our witness, will continue to move towards a lost eternity.

## Scriptures to Consider

- **Matthew 5:15-16 (NIV)** - *“Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*
- **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)** - *“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.”*
- **Romans 1:16 (NIV)** - *“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”*
- **Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)** - *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

# Group Discussion Questions

**Question 1:** What is the Gospel and why is it good news?

**Answer:** It is the good news that Jesus paid the price for our sin, which was death and which we were not able to pay, so that if we repent and turn from our sin, we can be forgiven and declared not guilty. It is good news because it means that we can now live an eternity in relationship with Jesus, rather than an eternity separated from Him.

**Question 2:** Who do you know that you can share the Gospel with?

**Answer:** Remind the preteens that people who are living “good” or moral lives will not qualify for an eternity with Jesus. Only those who have yielded their lives to Him. Each of them should know someone who falls into this category.

**Question 3:** What things make it hard to share the Gospel?

**Answer:** Talk about situational and social/emotional factors. At this age, peer acceptance becomes even more important to them and can be an inhibiting factor.

**Question 4:** What is your story/testimony?

**Answer:** Help the preteens develop their own testimony and practice sharing with each other a tool for evangelism. Focus on what God has done and the change He had brought about, not the depravity of their behaviour, or lives before knowing Him. A story of salvation should point towards Jesus and bring Him honour..

## Word of the Day

Authority

## Verse of the Day

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”* - Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

