

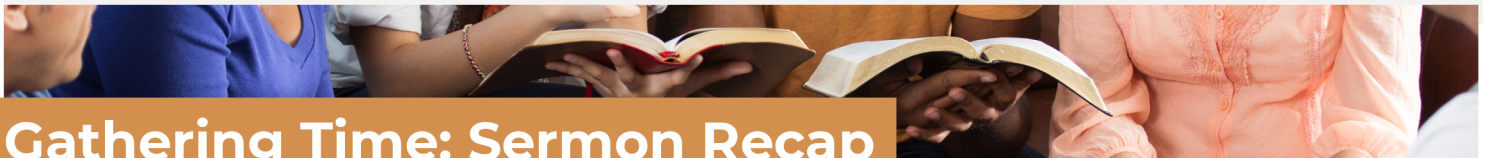
How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

Being a Sent People

Today, Doug Hambrick spoke about missions. He looked at **1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 28:16-20; Psalm 121:1-3 and 8; John 3:16-17; Colossians 1:21-23, Acts 1:8; Psalm 9:1; Romans 10:14-15; and Revelation 7:9-10.**

In the Great Commission (Mt 28:16-20), Jesus told His disciples to go and make more disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe Jesus' commands.

Why are we a sent people? Well, we are disciples (students and followers) of Jesus, so this directive applies to us, too! We are responsible for taking the gospel both near and far, to those who look and think like us and to those who don't—even to our enemies. After all, the gospel is for everyone! All humans are created in God's image, but when we share Jesus, we bear God's image in a specific and special way, taking His light into the darkness. We can invite others into relationship with Him.

God is a God of missions. After all, He sent Jesus so that those who believe in His life, substitutionary death for their sins, and His resurrection would be saved. (Jn 3:16-17). This faith then unites us to God, starting a relationship with our Lord! (Col 1:21-23)

How can we live on mission? Like God is on mission for a relationship with us, we should be on mission for others. We must serve with joy and humility, following His lead, and sharing the gospel in His power, not ours. Some of us are called to go far, others are called to support the go-ers, and everyone can share and pray! We can share our salvation stories across the street or around the world, telling others about what Jesus has done. Jesus told us to share Him in our local area, our surrounding area, to our enemies, and around the world.

Have you placed your faith in Jesus? (That must come before sharing Him!) If you have, are you living on mission? How are you supporting missions work? Get involved today!

Group Time: Questions

Conversation Starter

Ask: Have you ever gone on a mission trip or supported missions in some way?

Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** Doug said that God is on mission to bring all people into relationship with Him. How does that fact inspire you to live missionally?
- What are some reasons people give for not sharing the gospel? How can they overcome those reasons?
- What are ways people can get involved even if they can't go be missionaries?

- **Track 2:** What does Mt 28:16-20 say we are to do? What help does Jesus promise in that passage?
- Missions work is for the individual, but it is too big for individuals. It takes the Body. Why/how?
- How does missions work offer help and hope, even to those who reject the gospel?
- **Track 3:** Missions work is for our local area and beyond. What opportunities do you have (or have you had) to share the gospel locally?
- How can we share the gospel "beyond"?
- What will you do this week to share the gospel or participate in missions?



God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Read Mt 28:16-20. What stands out? Mark your Bible or journal about it.
- **Tuesday:** Read Jn 3:16. What stands out, especially in light of missions? Memorize this verse if you haven't already.
- **Wednesday:** Read Col 1:21-23. God has reconciled us to Himself when we have faith. How does this show His heart?
- **Thursday:** Read Ac 1:8. A Believer has the Holy Spirit. You are empowered to share Jesus. Where will you share?
- **Friday:** Read Rom 10:14-15. What stands out to you? Make a list of all the needed steps/roles you see in sharing the gospel. What is your role? What is God asking you to do? When will you do it? Make a plan and get to work.



God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child can understand.

- Consider **reading** the miracle of the loaves and fishes from John 6:1-13.
- Give a **summary** statement like: "When we share what we have, like the little boy did, God can do mighty things with it. We need to have willing, sharing hearts. We can trust God to work out what happens after we share. He especially wants us to share Jesus. We can do this with friends family, and neighbors—even around the world!"
- **Ask:** Who can you share Jesus with?
- **Say:** Jesus tells us to share Him!
- **Activity:** Share Jesus and serve others. Take some index cards and write "Jesus loves you, and so do I" on them. Play a game; each family member secretly serves another (e.g., make their bed, put up the laundry, etc.), leaving the card behind. Then have fun guessing who did what.

Give: *How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?*

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