

# Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 25, 2026

## Icebreaker Questions

- What's one place on your travel bucket list that you haven't made it to yet?
- What's the longest trip you've ever taken?
- Are you more of a planner or a "figure it out as you go" traveler?
- If you had to live in another country for a year, which would you choose?

## Sermon Summary

*(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)*

This week's sermon emphasized that God's heart has always been global, calling His people to actively participate in His mission to reach all nations. Jesus calls us to go beyond comfort and familiarity in the Great Commission, calling us to "make disciples of all nations" and promising the power of the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." The early disciples modeled radical obedience to this call, proclaiming the gospel boldly despite persecution. Paul further reinforces the urgency of missions, declaring that faith comes by hearing the Word and making it his ambition to preach where Christ was not yet known. Missions is not just a program, but a call that is core to what Jesus has called us to be in the world.

## Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

## Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Matthew 28:19–20, Mark 16:15, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14–15

## Discussion Questions

- How does Jesus' command in Matthew 28 challenge the way we view our daily routines and priorities?
- In Acts 1:8, Jesus outlines a progression of witness—how do you see that playing out in your own life?
- How can believers participate in missions even if they are not called to cross cultures or travel overseas?
- What does it look like to be both faithful locally and engaged globally?
- What practical steps could you take this week to live more intentionally as a witness?

## Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

## Closing