

Audacity Family,

I'm excited that you've chosen to take this journey with us. ***Love Serve Go*** is more than a slogan for our church. It is the rhythm we believe Jesus is calling us to live. Love God. Serve others. Go make Christlike disciples.

But before we ever serve or go, we have to begin with Jesus.

In John 15, Jesus gives us a picture that has shaped much of my own journey with Him: "Abide in me, and I in you." A branch doesn't produce fruit by trying harder. It produces fruit because it remains connected to the vine. Jesus reminds us that apart from Him, we can do nothing.

That means the mission of God doesn't begin with activity. It begins with intimacy. We love because He first loved us. We serve because Jesus first served us. And we go because the One who called us to Himself now sends us into the world.

That is what I hope happens through these pages.

My prayer isn't simply that you finish another devotional or learn a few more things about the Bible. I'm praying that you will slow down enough to hear from Jesus, allow the Holy Spirit to form you, and then put what you are learning into practice.

Because following Jesus was never intended to be something we only do on Sundays.

Your home matters. Your neighborhood matters. Your workplace matters. Your school matters. The people sitting across the table from you matter.

Wherever Jesus has placed you, that is part of your mission field.

We are ordinary people following Jesus and intentionally helping others follow Him too.

I believe God has given us a vision bigger than any one of us. We want to see people baptized, disciples made, churches planted, communities served, and the Gospel carried far beyond the walls of our church. But ultimately, we are asking God for something even simpler: ***Fruit that outlives us.***

Someday someone else will pastor this church. Someone else will stand on our platform. Our children will become the leaders. Our names will eventually be forgotten. And that's okay.

Because this was never about making our name great.

It is about His Name.

So as you begin, don't rush. Open your Bible. Use a journal. Pray before you read. Be honest with God. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying. And when Jesus asks you to obey, take the next step.

May we become a people who stay close to Jesus, love boldly, serve generously, and go wherever He sends us.

Let's bear fruit that outlives us.

Love Serve Go,

Ronnie

Until all have heard

Sermon 1 - Abiding and the Mission

The Church Doesn't Have a Mission; the Mission Has a Church

John 15:1-11 | Romans 1:16-17

Sermon 1 Notes

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Week 1 City Group Guide: Fruit That Outlives Us
The Church Doesn't Have a Mission; the Mission Has a Church

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: John 15:1-7

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because Jesus is the source of lasting fruit, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Him.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

1 John 4:19 | Matthew 28:18–20 | Romans 1:16–17

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

8. Rhythms for Spiritual Formation (Practice for the Week)

- Read John 15 in small portions throughout the week.
- Spend five minutes in silence before prayer.
- Memorize John 15:5.
- Pray daily for your ONE and follow through on your chosen action.

Week 1 Devotionals: Abiding and The Mission

Monday, October 5, 2026: The Mission Begins with Abiding

Focus Scripture: John 15:1-5

Reflection

A branch cannot create its own life. It receives life from the vine. Jesus uses that picture to remind us where fruitful living begins. Before we ask what we should accomplish for Him, we need to ask whether we are remaining with Him. Our calendars can be full of good things while our hearts are running on empty.

At Audacity, we want fruit that outlives us. That kind of fruit will require more than enthusiasm or a strong plan. It grows from dependence on Jesus. Abiding means returning to Him in Scripture, prayer, and obedience, trusting His life to shape ours. You do not have to manufacture a meaningful life today. Begin by making room for the One who gives you life.

Application

Where have you been relying on your own strength? Name one responsibility you need to surrender to Jesus.

Challenge

Spend ten unhurried minutes with Jesus before beginning your next task. Read the passage again and ask Him to shape how you approach that responsibility.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Tuesday, October 6, 2026: Loved Before We Serve

Focus Scripture: John 15:9-11

Reflection

Jesus tells His disciples that He loves them as the Father loves Him. Let that settle in. His invitation to abide begins with love already offered. We do not serve, give, or go in order to persuade God to love us. We respond because His love has reached us through Jesus.

That changes the spirit in which we live the mission. When we are trying to earn approval, even good work can become exhausting. We begin measuring our worth by how much we accomplish. Jesus invites us to remain in His love and obey from that relationship. His commands lead us into a life shaped by His love, with His joy taking root in us. Before you think about what you can do for God today, receive what He has given you in Christ.

Application

What does your inner conversation sound like when you fall short? Consider whether you are receiving God's love or trying to earn it.

Challenge

Write this reminder somewhere you will see it: I serve from the love of Jesus. Pause to remember it before one act of service today.

Closing Prayer

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Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

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Wednesday, October 7, 2026: Love Moves Beyond Our Walls

Focus Scripture: John 15:12-13

Reflection

Jesus connects abiding with loving one another. The life we receive from Him is meant to become visible in how we treat people. Someone should experience His kindness through our patience, generosity, and willingness to show up. Love takes on the shape of service.

Our church's mission extends beyond our address. When another ministry feeds people, supports families, or reaches a community, we have an opportunity to join what God is doing. We do not need our name attached to every act of kindness. The person receiving care matters more than who receives credit. Think about the needs around you today. Some may be close enough to touch; others may require partnership. Ask Jesus to help you see people with His concern and respond with the resources you have.

Application

Who is facing a need you could help meet? What would serve that person well, rather than simply make you feel helpful?

Challenge

Offer one practical act of care today. Ask what is needed, then help without seeking recognition.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Thursday, October 8, 2026: Who Is Your One

Focus Scripture: John 15:16-17

Reflection

Jesus appoints His disciples to go and bear fruit that remains. Our vision for baptisms and new churches is rooted in that invitation. Each person matters to God. Behind every baptism is someone being brought into new life with Christ and a community learning to follow Him.

A large vision can feel distant until we attach a name to it. Who is your one? Who are you praying for, listening to, serving, and inviting to discover Jesus? We cannot control another person's response, and people are never projects. We can faithfully love them and share the good news with honesty and respect. A lasting spiritual legacy often begins with a relationship that receives our attention. Let the size of the vision lead you toward faithful care for one person today.

Application

Write the name of one person you want to see experience new life in Christ. What do you know about their current joys or struggles?

Challenge

Pray for that person by name, then make a thoughtful connection. Listen carefully before deciding what to say or offer.

Closing Prayer

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Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Friday, October 9, 2026: Sent Where You Already Are

Focus Scripture: John 15:5, 8, 16

Reflection

Jesus sends ordinary followers into ordinary places. Your classroom, workplace, neighborhood, and family are places where you can live His mission. You may travel across the world someday, but you can practice faithfulness where your feet are today.

Audacity's vision includes 1,000 baptisms, 10 churches birthed from our church, and 50 churches around the world by 2033. Those goals invite us to pray, develop leaders, give, and support people who are already serving their communities. The same mission reaches across the street and across borders. We participate because Jesus has given us His life and a purpose worth sharing. Ask Him to open your eyes to the people already on your calendar. Fruit that remains can begin with the conversation you were about to rush past.

Application

Look at today's schedule. Where could you be more attentive to a person instead of treating the moment as another task?

Challenge

Pray for local and global disciple-makers. Then give one person on your calendar your full attention and respond to an opportunity to serve.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Saturday, October 10, 2026: RPMS Check In on Abiding

Focus Scripture: John 15:4-5, 9

Reflection

A fruitful life grows from remaining in Jesus. Saturday gives us a chance to pause and examine the rhythms carrying us into the next week. This is an invitation to honesty with God, who loves us and helps us grow.

Our relationships, bodies, minds, and spiritual lives affect how we love, serve, and go. Exhaustion can narrow our patience. Distracted thinking can make us miss the person in front of us. Unhurried prayer can help us recognize what needs attention. As you review this week, ask where you received life from Jesus and where you tried to carry everything alone. Thank Him for the fruit you can see, and entrust the hidden work to Him.

Application

Relational: Who received my attention, and who needs a conversation?

Physical: Did my sleep, food, movement, and rest support faithful living?

Mental: What thought or input helped me focus, and what kept me distracted?

Spiritual: When did I abide in Jesus, and where did I resist His leading?

Challenge

Choose the RPMS area that needs the most attention. Write one specific adjustment for next week and tell someone who can encourage you.

Closing Prayer

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Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Sermon 2 - Loving God in Everyday Life

We Love Because He First Loved Us

Matthew 22:37-39 | I John 4:19 | Deuteronomy 6:5-7 | John 15:12 |
1 John 4:20-21; 3:16-18

Sermon 2 Notes

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Week 2 City Group Guide: Loving God in Everyday Life
We Love Because He First Loved Us

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: 22:34–40 | John 15:4–5, 9–12 | 1 John 3:16–18; 4:19–21

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because God first loved me, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Jesus.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

Deuteronomy 6:5–7 | 1 John 4:7–12 | John 13:34–35

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

8. Rhythms for Spiritual Formation (Practice for the Week)

- Read one of this week’s passages each day.
- Pause for five minutes of silence and receive God’s love before listing tasks.
- Memorize 1 John 4:19.
- Pray for one person who needs Christ and practice one act of love.

Week 2 Devotionals: Love God in Everyday Life

Monday, October 12, 2026: We Love Because He Loved Us

Focus Scripture: 1 John 4:19; Matthew 22:37-39

Reflection

Love for God begins with God's love for us. The cross and resurrection reveal His initiative toward people who could never rescue themselves. When we receive that love, we begin learning how to love Him with our whole lives.

Jesus joins love for God with love for our neighbor. We cannot neatly separate the two, keeping worship in one part of life and our treatment of people in another. The love we sing about on Sunday is meant to shape an ordinary Monday. It reaches into our tone of voice, the attention we give, and the decisions we make when someone needs us. Today, begin by receiving God's generosity toward you. Then ask how that love could become visible to someone nearby.

Application

Where do you find it easiest to express love for God? Where is it hardest to express love for your neighbor?

Challenge

Name one way God has shown you love. Respond by doing one thoughtful thing for a neighbor, coworker, or family member.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Tuesday, October 13, 2026: God in the Ordinary Day

Focus Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5-7; John 15:4-5

Reflection

God's people were instructed to speak of His ways at home, along the road, at bedtime, and at the beginning of the day. Their relationship with Him belonged throughout daily life. Our ordinary routines can become places of attention to God too.

You can turn toward Him while washing dishes, driving to work, or preparing for a difficult conversation. A simple prayer can bring your attention back to the One who is already present: Lord, help me respond with love. Practicing His presence does not require pretending every task is enjoyable. You can bring frustration and weariness to Him honestly. Abiding grows as we keep returning, allowing His words to shape how we live. Which familiar routine could become a reminder to turn your attention toward Jesus today?

Application

Identify a routine you often move through on autopilot. How could you use it to remember God's presence and seek His help?

Challenge

Choose three everyday moments as prayer reminders. At each one, pause briefly to thank God and invite Him to guide your next action.

Closing Prayer

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Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Wednesday, October 14, 2026: Love with Action and Truth

Focus Scripture: 1 John 3:16-18

Reflection

John points us to Jesus' sacrifice and then asks how we respond when another person has a need. Love becomes tangible when we share what we have. Warm words matter, but a hungry person may also need a meal, and an overwhelmed parent may need practical help.

We learn to love well by paying attention. Listening can reveal a need we would miss if we rushed to offer our preferred solution. Respecting another person's dignity means giving them room to tell us what would help. Bold love may look like staying to clean up, offering a ride, or making space for someone to speak honestly. Ask the Holy Spirit to move your love from intention into action. The next faithful step may be smaller and closer than you expect.

Application

Who might need practical help this week? What question could you ask to understand their need before acting?

Challenge

Ask someone, What would help you most right now? Follow through on one reasonable request, or help connect them with someone who can.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Thursday, October 15, 2026: Love When It Is Difficult

Focus Scripture: 1 John 4:20-21; John 15:12

Reflection

Loving God reaches into relationships we would sometimes rather avoid. It is easy to speak kindly when we feel understood. The challenge comes when someone disappoints us, irritates us, or hurts a person we love. Those moments reveal where we need Jesus to keep shaping us.

Love does not erase accountability. Forgiveness does not require ignoring harm, tolerating abuse, or placing ourselves in danger. We can pursue wise boundaries while asking God to keep bitterness from ruling our hearts. We can speak truth with dignity and refuse to use anger as permission to wound someone. Bring the difficult relationship to Jesus honestly. Ask Him for wisdom about what love requires, including when to speak, when to seek help, and when to step back.

Application

Is resentment shaping how you speak about someone? What would it mean to entrust that hurt to God while maintaining appropriate boundaries?

Challenge

Pray for one difficult person without rehearsing your case against them. Choose a response that combines truth, dignity, and wisdom.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Friday, October 16, 2026: Receive the Love You Need

Focus Scripture: John 15:9-12

Reflection

A branch receives life from the vine. That picture matters when we feel depleted. We cannot keep loving well by ignoring our limits and pretending we have endless energy. Jesus invites us to remain in His love even when we have little left to give.

Sometimes the faithful step is to let another person care for us. Receiving prayer, asking for help, or admitting that we are tired can be an act of trust. Our worth is secure in God's love before we complete one more task. From that place, we can serve with honesty instead of resentment. Consider whether you have made it difficult for others to know what you need. The community Jesus gives us includes people who can help carry a burden. Let yourself receive His care through them.

Application

What need have you been reluctant to admit? Who is a trustworthy person you could invite into that part of your life?

Challenge

Ask someone for one specific form of support, such as prayer, practical help, or time to talk. Receive their care with gratitude.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Saturday, October 17, 2026: RPMS Check In on Love

Focus Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39

Reflection

Jesus calls us to love God with our whole selves and to love our neighbors. As this week closes, consider how His love has reached into your everyday life. Where did you make room for Him? Where did someone encounter His care through you? This check-in also makes room for what felt hard. Perhaps you spoke sharply, withdrew from a conversation, or tried to serve while running on empty. Bring those moments into God's light without making excuses or declaring the whole week a failure. His grace invites confession, repair, and a fresh response. Healthy rhythms can help us become more available to Him and more attentive to people. Let your review lead to one practical change, rooted in the love you have already received.

Application

Relational: Did my words and actions communicate love? Is an apology needed?

Physical: Am I rested enough to be patient and present?

Mental: Have resentment or anxious thoughts dominated my attention?

Spiritual: Did I receive God's love through Scripture, prayer, and community?

Challenge

Choose one act of repair or renewal for next week. Schedule it, and ask God to help you love the person in front of you.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Sermon 3 -Serving the Church, Reaching the World

The Church Was Never Meant to Exist Only For the People Inside the Church

Mark 10:45 | Matthew 28:19| Romans 12:4-5 | Matthew 5:16 | Acts 1:8

Sermon 3 Notes

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Week 3 City Goup Guide: Serving the Church, Reaching the World
The Church Was Never Meant to Exist Only For the People Inside the Church

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Mark 10:45 | John 13:1–17 | Luke 10:25–37 | Matthew 5:14–16

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because Jesus first served me, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Him.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

Romans 12:4–8 | Matthew 28:18–20 | Acts 1:8

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

8. Rhythms for Spiritual Formation (Practice for the Week)

- Read one of this week’s passages each day and choose a response.
- Spend five minutes in silence before prayer.
- Memorize Mark 10:45.
- Pray for one person who needs Christ and offer one specific act of service.

Week 3 Devotionals: Serving the Church, Reaching the World

Monday, October 19, 2026: Jesus Served Us First

Focus Scripture: Mark 10:45

Reflection

Jesus describes His mission through service and sacrifice. The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many. Before we consider what we can do for Him, we need to receive what He has done for us. Our service begins with His grace. We do not serve to earn God's love. We serve because He has already loved us. That truth changes both our motivation and our expectations. We can help someone without needing applause or repayment. We can give our time without using kindness to prove our worth. When we remember the One who gave His life for us, we begin to ask a different question about our day: Who can I serve? Let Jesus' generosity shape the way you approach your family, your church, and the people you meet today. His love gives us a reason to offer ourselves willingly.

Application

When you help others, what are you hoping to receive in return? How does remembering Jesus' sacrifice change that expectation?

Challenge

Begin by thanking Jesus for His saving love. Then serve one person today without expecting recognition or repayment.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Tuesday, October 20, 2026: Take Up the Towel

Focus Scripture: John 13:1–17

Reflection

Jesus washed His disciples' feet, taking the place of a servant. Their Lord and Teacher attended to a need they might have expected someone else to handle. His actions gave them an example to follow: love expressed through humble service.

There are ordinary needs we can easily overlook because the work seems beneath us or belongs to someone else. Dishes need washing. A room needs preparing. A tired person needs help. Jesus' example invites us to notice those moments and respond. Humility grows as we become willing to do useful work without making ourselves the center of attention. We can ask what would help and listen to the answer. Today, consider where you have been waiting for someone else to step forward. Following Jesus may look like taking up the towel and doing the simple thing that love requires.

Application

Which task do you tend to avoid because it feels unnoticed or inconvenient?
Who would benefit if you willingly helped?

Challenge

Choose one practical task that makes someone else's day easier. Do it with care, and let that person receive the benefit without a demand for praise.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Wednesday, October 21, 2026: Your Part in the Body

Focus Scripture: Romans 12:4–8

Reflection

Paul describes believers as members of one body in Christ. We belong to one another, and our different gifts contribute to our shared life. The church needs the service of ordinary people who offer what God has given them. Teaching children, preparing a meal, welcoming a guest, encouraging a teenager, and cleaning a room all help the church care for people. A task may seem small while its effect reaches further than you know. A warm welcome may help someone feel safe enough to return. A prepared classroom may become the place where a child begins to understand Jesus' love. You do not need someone else's gift or a ministry title to contribute. Ask where your abilities and availability can meet a real need. Serving faithfully includes honoring your commitments and encouraging the people who serve alongside you.

Application

What ability, experience, or time could you offer to strengthen the church? Is there a current commitment that needs renewed attention?

Challenge

Take one concrete step to serve at Audacity: contact a ministry leader about a need, follow through on an existing responsibility, or encourage a fellow volunteer.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Thursday, October 22, 2026: Stop for the Person in Front of You

Focus Scripture: Luke 10:25–37

Reflection

The Samaritan saw a wounded man and showed mercy. He approached him, treated his wounds, and arranged for his care. Jesus' story brings love for our neighbor into the place where another person's need interrupts our plans.

Seeing a need and responding to it are different things. We can feel concern while continuing on our way. Mercy asks us to become available. Someone may need a meal, a ride, a listening ear, or help finding reliable support. Start by listening instead of assuming you already know the answer. The people Jesus calls us to love include those whose background or beliefs differ from ours. Their dignity does not depend on whether they attend our church. Ask God to help you see the person you might otherwise pass by, then respond with a practical act of care.

Application

Who have you noticed struggling lately? What has kept you from responding, and what help could you realistically offer?

Challenge

Make time for one person outside your usual circle. Ask what would help, listen carefully, and follow through on one appropriate act of mercy.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Friday, October 23, 2026: Let Your Service Point to Jesus

Focus Scripture: Matthew 5:14–16; Acts 1:8

Reflection

Jesus calls His followers to let their light shine so that others see their good works and glorify the Father. Our service can make His love visible in places where people may never hear a sermon. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be His witnesses. Your neighborhood, workplace, school, and family are places to practice that witness. Build relationships, listen to people's stories, and help when needs arise. Care for them as people Jesus loves, allowing friendship to grow without making assistance conditional on a spiritual response. Service can open a door for conversation about the gospel, and we can explain the hope behind our actions when there is an opportunity. You might simply say that Jesus has shown you His love and you want to share that love. Ask for courage to speak honestly about Him and patience to keep caring. Begin where God has already placed you.

Application

Who encounters your faith through your everyday actions? How could you explain naturally why Jesus moves you to serve?

Challenge

Serve someone beyond the church building today. Pray for an opportunity to share your hope in Jesus, and respond with kindness if a conversation opens.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Saturday, October 24, 2026: RPMS Check In on Serving

Focus Scripture: Mark 10:45; Luke 10:36–37

Reflection

This week we have considered Jesus' sacrifice, His humble example, our place in the church, and our calling to show mercy beyond its walls. Pause to ask where those truths became action. Who did you serve, and what did you learn about the love of Jesus? Faithful service involves our whole lives. Relationships need attention, bodies need care, minds need room to focus, and our spiritual lives need ongoing dependence on Jesus. You cannot meet every need yourself. You can receive His love, share responsibility with others, and respond to the people He places before you. Review this week honestly.

Application

Relational: Who did I serve or listen to, and who still needs my attention?

Physical: Did I care for my body through sleep, nourishment, movement, and rest? Where do I need help sharing the work?

Mental: Did resentment, distraction, or a need for recognition affect my service? What truth will help me refocus?

Spiritual: Did I serve from the love I have received in Jesus?

Challenge

Choose one RPMS area to strengthen next week. Write a specific step, then name one person inside or outside the church you will intentionally serve.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

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Sermon 4 - Helping Others Follow Jesus

You Don't Have to Be Finished to Help Someone Follow Jesus

Matthew 4:8-22 | Luke 9:23 | 1 Corinthians 11:1 | Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon 4 Notes

Sermon Notes 4

Week 3 City Group Guide: Called and Formed as We Follow
You Don't Have to Be Finished to Help Someone Follow Jesus

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Luke 9:23 | 1 Corinthians 11:1 | Matthew 28:18–20

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because Jesus is with us as we make disciples, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Him.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

John 15:16 | 2 Timothy 2:2 | James 1:22–25

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

8. Rhythms for Spiritual Formation (Practice for the Week)

- Continue daily Scripture with a specific response of obedience.
- Spend five minutes in silence before prayer.
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 11:1.
- Pray for one person who needs Christ and keep a regular discipleship conversation.

Week 4 Devotionals: Helping Others Follow Jesus

Monday, October 26, 2026: Go in His Authority

Focus Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Reflection

Jesus grounds the Great Commission in His authority. He sends His disciples as the risen Lord who has power to call people into new life. Our confidence grows as we remember whose mission we are joining.

Making disciples can feel intimidating when we focus on our ability to find the perfect words. We need preparation and humility, but we also need trust in Jesus. We can speak honestly about His death and resurrection, invite a person to respond to Him, and continue helping them learn His way. His authority frees us to obey without pretending we can change someone's heart ourselves. As you begin this week, pray for courage that rests in Him. Your part is to be faithful and attentive; the person you serve remains in His care.

Application

Where does fear keep you silent or passive about Jesus? How does His authority change the way you approach that situation?

Challenge

Ask Jesus for an opening to speak about Him. If one comes, share clearly and kindly what His good news means to you.

Closing Prayer

Pause: Be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect: Choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask: What do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield: Is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase, that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today?

Tuesday, October 27, 2026: Teach What You Are Practicing

Focus Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Reflection

Jesus tells His followers to teach disciples to observe all He commanded. Learning His words and practicing them belong together. A conversation about faith can become a place to ask how His teaching will shape the next decision.

When you read Scripture with someone, give both of you room to listen. What does the passage reveal about Jesus? What does He call us to do? What would obedience look like this week? You can share your own next step and invite the other person to name theirs. The following conversation becomes a chance to encourage one another, including when obedience was difficult. This kind of learning keeps discipleship connected to daily life. We are helping each other become people whose actions increasingly reflect the One we follow.

Application

Think of a command of Jesus you understand but struggle to practice. What would obedience look like in one current situation?

Challenge

Read a short Gospel passage with someone. Each name one response to practice, then agree on a time to talk about how it went.

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Wednesday, October 28, 2026: Walk Together with Honesty

Focus Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1; Luke 9:23

Reflection

Inviting someone to walk with us requires a willingness to be known. We may prefer to share conclusions while hiding our struggles. Yet honest dependence on Jesus can help another person understand what following Him looks like in real life.

Honesty needs wisdom. We do not need to disclose every personal detail or make another person responsible for our burdens. We can share an appropriate example of repentance, learning, or asking for help. We can acknowledge an unanswered question and seek sound guidance together. A disciple-maker's example should keep pointing toward Christ, whose way gives direction to the relationship. Consider how you could make your following visible this week. Let someone see a teachable heart and a sincere effort to practice what Jesus says.

Application

Are you trying to look finished instead of remaining teachable? What appropriate part of your learning could help someone else?

Challenge

Share a brief, honest example of something Jesus is changing in you. Explain the step you are taking to respond to Him.

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Thursday, October 29, 2026: Begin Close to Home

Focus Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 28:19-20

Reflection

Jesus called His first disciples in the midst of familiar work. As they followed, their lives became part of a mission reaching far beyond that shoreline. Our participation can also begin in the relationships and places already around us.

A child asking a question, a coworker discussing a worry, or a friend exploring faith may provide an opportunity to help someone follow Jesus. We need to notice and make time. An attentive conversation can lead to an invitation to read Scripture, pray, or gather with the church. We cannot force a relationship to become something it is not, but we can be intentional and available. Look at the people God has placed close to you. Ask how you could encourage their next step toward Christ and continue walking with them.

Application

Which nearby relationship could receive more intentional spiritual care? What have you heard that suggests a helpful next step?

Challenge

Make time for one person close to home. Ask a thoughtful question about their life or faith, listen, and offer an appropriate next step.

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Friday, October 30, 2026: His Presence Goes with Us

Focus Scripture: Matthew 28:20; John 15:16

Reflection

Jesus closes the Great Commission with the promise of His continuing presence. The One who sends His disciples remains with them. We can depend on Him as we help others learn His way, including when progress is slow or a conversation feels difficult.

That promise connects going with abiding. We keep returning to Jesus while participating in His mission. Our prayer for fruit that outlives us depends on His faithful work through willing people. Baptisms, new churches, and growing disciples represent lives touched by His grace. Some fruit will be visible soon; some will grow beyond what we ever see. Keep caring for your one. Keep praying for those who serve locally and globally. Keep taking the next obedient step, trusting the presence of Jesus as you go.

Application

Where have you become discouraged about a person or a ministry? What would faithful care look like while you entrust the outcome to Jesus?

Challenge

Pray for someone you are encouraging in faith and for a church planter or missionary. Take one practical step to support either of them.

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Saturday, October 31, 2026: RPMS Check In on Living the Mission

Focus Scripture: John 15:4-5; Matthew 28:18-20

Reflection

This month has invited us to abide in Jesus, receive His love, serve people, and help others follow Him. As October closes, take time to notice what has begun to change. Perhaps a relationship has deepened, a habit has shifted, or a next step has become clear. The mission continues into ordinary days beyond this devotional. Sustainable faithfulness grows through rhythms that keep us connected to Jesus and available to people. Review your whole life with Him. Celebrate His grace, confess what needs to change, and ask for wisdom about the month ahead. You do not need to carry every need yourself. You can remain in His love, share life with His people, and respond to the assignment He gives you. What step will help you keep living Love Serve Go?

Application

Relational: Who am I loving, serving, or helping follow Jesus?

Physical: What rhythm of rest and care will help me remain available?

Mental: What fear or distraction needs attention, and what truth will guide me?

Spiritual: How will I continue abiding in Jesus and obeying His words?

Challenge

Write a simple plan for November: one abiding rhythm, one person to serve, and one relationship to nurture toward discipleship. Put the next step on your calendar.

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