

Sent Together Teaching Video Guide

For a little background: our church will be going through this 10 week study built on the dual role of teaching and practicing our missionary identity. The format of each week is as follows:

- Welcome and meal (15–20 minutes)
- Worship and prayer (10 minutes)
- Debrief last week's practice (20 minutes)
- Scripture and video teaching (30 minutes)
- Discussion (20–30 minutes)
- Community practice assignment (10 minutes)
- Closing prayer (5 minutes)

At the end of this document, you will find the worksheets or practices each group will be doing each week. Please refer to this in your lesson when possible.

Four Foundational Convictions

Please keep these in mind as you prepare your message for each session:

1. God is already at work before we arrive.

Read: John 5:17-20. Mission begins with joining God rather than initiating our own plans.

2. Every believer is sent.

Read: John 20:21. Mission belongs to the whole Church, not just specialists.

3. Love earns a hearing.

People are never projects. We love because Christ first loved us.

4. The Holy Spirit is the primary evangelist.

Our responsibility is faithful witness. God changes hearts.

Teaching Note

Model vulnerability. Aim to share at least one of your own successes or failures related to this week's topic. Remember that while people may be encouraged by your success, they identify with our failures. This encourages honest conversation without embarrassment or pressure.

We are asking each of you to sign up for one or two sessions. The session topics and brief teaching outline will be included below. Please keep the teaching to no longer than 10 minutes, to allow each group more room for discussion together. Our first week back will be the week of October 4-10, at different nights of the week. For this reason, we would like to have each session finished **no later than Monday 9/28**. If you signed up for two sessions, we can film them back to back.

Ten Week Outline of Sessions

Week 1: Why Mission?

Scriptural Basis: Genesis 12:1-3; John 20:21; Matthew 28:18-20

Big Idea

God's mission has always been to bless the world through His people.

Icebreaker (in person, included for context)

Share about a neighbor who positively influenced your life.

Teaching Outline

Mission begins with God's heart, not human initiative.

The Church exists because God is sending people into the world.

Every Christian is invited to participate in God's mission.

Week 2: Seeing Like Jesus

Scriptural Basis: Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 19:1-10

Big Idea

Jesus notices people before He ministers to them.

Icebreaker

Describe someone who made you feel truly seen. What was unique about them?

Teaching Outline

Compassion begins with paying attention.

Ask God to replace assumptions with curiosity.

Listening is often the first act of love.

Week 3: Becoming Good News

Scriptural Basis: Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:12

Big Idea

Our character gives credibility to our message.

Icebreaker

Share a small act of kindness that changed your day.

Teaching Outline

Jesus calls His followers salt and light.

Ordinary faithfulness points people toward Christ.

Kindness prepares the soil for spiritual conversations

Week 4: Listening As Love

Scriptural Basis: James 1:19; John 4:1-30

Big Idea

Listening is one of the clearest expressions of Christlike love.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the biblical principle.
- Practice the skill during the meeting.
- Apply the skill in everyday life during the week.

Icebreaker

Talk about someone who made you feel heard. What did they do? How was their listening unique enough that you noticed it?

Teaching Outline

Jesus asked questions before giving answers.

Listening communicates dignity and creates trust.

Curiosity often opens doors that arguments cannot.

Week 5: Sharing Your Story

Scriptural Basis: John 9; Acts 26

Big Idea

Your testimony is a witness to God's grace, not a performance.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the biblical principle.
- Practice the skill during the meeting.
- Apply the skill in everyday life during the week.

Icebreaker

Share one life experience that shaped who you are.

Teaching Manuscript Outline

Everyone has a story worth telling.

Keep your testimony centered on Jesus.

Practice a three-minute version that sounds natural.

Week 6: Sharing The Story Of Jesus

Scriptural Basis: Luke 15; Mark 2:1-12

Big Idea

The gospel is the good news that God's Kingdom has come through Jesus.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the biblical principle.
- Practice the skill during the meeting.
- Apply the skill in everyday life during the week.

Icebreaker

Describe a piece of good news you couldn't wait to tell someone.

Teaching Manuscript Outline

Explain creation, brokenness, redemption, and restoration.

Present Jesus as King and Savior.

Week 7: Hospitality As Mission

Scriptural Basis: Luke 14:12-24; Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea

The table is one of God's primary places for forming relationships and revealing His Kingdom.

Learning Objectives

- Explore the biblical theme together.
- Practice a concrete expression of mission.
- Develop sustainable rhythms for everyday discipleship.

Icebreaker

Describe a meal you'll never forget and why it mattered.

Teaching Outline

Throughout Scripture, meals become places of welcome, reconciliation, and transformation.

Hospitality is making room for others before expecting anything in return.

Simple invitations often create meaningful spiritual conversations.

Week 8: Serving Your Neighborhood

Scriptural Basis: Jeremiah 29:4-7; Matthew 25:31-40

Big Idea

Seeking the good of the city is part of our witness to the Kingdom of God.

Learning Objectives

- Explore the biblical theme together.
- Practice a concrete expression of mission.
- Develop sustainable rhythms for everyday discipleship.

Icebreaker

Share a time someone served you when you needed it most.

Teaching Outline

God calls His people to bless the places where they live.

Serving demonstrates the gospel before it is explained.

Partnership with local organizations expands the Church's witness.

Week 9: Following The Spirit

Scriptural Basis: Acts 8:26-40; Luke 10:1-9

Big Idea

The Holy Spirit guides ordinary believers toward people He is already preparing.

Learning Objectives

- Explore the biblical theme together.
- Practice a concrete expression of mission.
- Develop sustainable rhythms for everyday discipleship.

Icebreaker

Tell about a time an unexpected opportunity changed your plans.

Teaching Outline

Prayer helps us recognize where God is already working.

Look for 'persons of peace' who welcome relationship.

Faith often grows through small acts of courageous obedience.

Week 10: Living As Sent Ones

Scriptural Basis: John 15:1-17; Acts 1:8

Big Idea

Mission is not a program but a lifelong way of abiding in Christ and blessing others.

Learning Objectives

- Explore the biblical theme together.
- Practice a concrete expression of mission.
- Develop sustainable rhythms for everyday discipleship.

Icebreaker

What has changed most in you during these ten weeks?

Teaching Outline

Abiding in Christ sustains every act of mission.

Healthy rhythms are more sustainable than occasional events.

Celebrate God's faithfulness and commission one another to continue living sent.

Appendices, Worksheets and Handouts

Session 1: Prayer Walk Guide

Before You Go

Pray for open eyes, compassionate hearts, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

During the Walk

- Walk slowly.
- Observe without judging.
- Pray blessings over homes and businesses.
- Notice evidence of joy and struggle.
- If a conversation begins naturally, listen well.

After the Walk

Record what you noticed, what surprised you, and how God may be inviting you to respond.

Session 2: Noticing People & Asking Thoughtful Questions

Before You Begin

- Compassion begins with paying attention.
- Ask God to replace assumptions with curiosity.
- Listening is often the first act of love.
- Think of your conversation less like an opportunity to teach and more like a curious neighbor who genuinely wants to hear about their life

Easy Conversation Starters

- What has been the highlight of your week so far?
- How long have you lived around here? What do you enjoy most about it?
- What brought you to Los Angeles?
- How do you spend your weekends?
- What's something you're looking forward to this year?
- What's the best spot, restaurant, coffee shop, etc. that you've found recently?

Going Deeper

- What is something you are passionate about?
- What kind of work do you do and what do you enjoy about it?
- What has shaped you into the person you are today?
- What is bringing you the most joy lately?
- What is something that always makes you smile?
- What's the hardest part of this season of life for you?
- Is there anything you've been hoping would change?
- Has faith or spirituality played much of a role in your life?
- What do you think gives life meaning?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Session 3: Mission Journal

Use one page each week.

Scripture that shaped me this week:

Where did I notice God at work?

Who did I intentionally pray for?

Meaningful conversations:

What challenged me?

What is one step of obedience this week?

Prayer requests:

Session 4: Active Listening Practice

Purpose

One of the greatest gifts we can offer another person is our full attention. This exercise helps us slow down, become curious, and practice listening without trying to fix, teach, or re-direct the conversation.

The Five Minute Listening Challenge

Form groups of three people:

- A speaker
- A listener
- An observer

After each round, rotate roles until everyone has practiced each.

Round One (5 minutes)

Speaker

Choose one of the prompts below and speak for three minutes.

- Tell about a challenge you've overcome.
- Describe someone who has shaped your life.
- Share a place where you feel most at peace.
- What has brought you joy recently?
- What is something you're hoping for this year?

Listener

Your job is to understand.

Do:

- Maintain comfortable eye contact.
- Put away distractions.
- Ask open-ended follow-up questions.
- Reflect back what you heard.
- Allow silence.

Avoid:

- Giving advice.
- Sharing your own story.
- Correcting details.
- Interrupting.
- Thinking about what you'll say next.

Helpful phrases:

- “Tell me more about that.”
- “How did that make you feel?”
- “What happened next?”
- “What was that experience like for you?”
- “It sounds like...”
- “What I’m hearing is...”

Observer

Watch for these behaviors.

- The listener stayed engaged.
- The listener asked curious questions.
- The listener reflected feelings or meaning.
- The listener resisted giving advice.
- The speaker appeared heard and understood.

After three minutes, spend two minutes giving gentle feedback.

Debrief Questions

For the Speaker

- When did you feel most heard?
- What did the listener do that helped?
- Was there anything that interrupted your train of thought?

For the Listener

- What was difficult?
- When were you tempted to tell your own story?
- What helped you stay curious?

For the Observer

- What listening habits stood out?
- What could make the conversation even better?

Session 5: Sharing Your Testimony Worksheet

Develop a three-minute testimony.

Life before I understood Jesus:

How I encountered Jesus:

What has changed because of Jesus:

One sentence that summarizes the good news in my story:

Session 6: Gospel Conversation Guide

Helpful questions:

- What gives you hope?
- Has faith ever been meaningful in your life?
- What do you think Jesus is like?
- How can I pray for you?

Conversation Reminders

- Listen before speaking.
- Ask permission before sharing your perspective.
- Avoid arguments.
- Trust the Holy Spirit with outcomes.

Session 7: Hospitality Planner

Who could I invite this month?

Possible date:

Meal or activity:

How will I pray beforehand?

What follow-up might encourage this relationship?

Session 8: Neighborhood Prayer Map

Draw a simple map of your neighborhood. Mark homes, schools, parks, businesses, and places you visit regularly.

People I know by name:

People I hope to know:

Local leaders to pray for:

Places of brokenness:

Places of beauty and hope:

Session 9: Community Service Planner

Need in the neighborhood:

Potential partners:

Date of service:

Supplies needed:

How did we see God at work?

Session 10: Personal Rule of Life

Create sustainable rhythms for life on mission.

Daily:

Weekly:

Monthly:

Quarterly:

People I am praying for:

Accountability partner:
