



## MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE

### The God Who Sends: Session 10

#### Go Make Disciples

Key Statement: To fulfill the great commission, Christians are to 1) submit to Jesus, 2) obey Jesus, and 3) depend on Jesus.

#### ::CONNECT::

##### Option 1: Ur doin' it wrong

- Perhaps you've heard of the meme above. While not as prevalent lately, it once was quite a buzz on the internet.
- Break your students into small groups to create skits. Half the groups should take the first point of the lesson (submit to Jesus); the other half should take the third point of the lesson (depend on Jesus).
- They are now to produce two skits each: in the first skit, they should show someone attempting to live out the Great Commission the wrong way (ur doing it wrong); in the second, the same person, in the same situation, attempts to live out the Great Commission the right way.
  - For example: a group doing submitting to Jesus could have a wrong skit where someone is living in unrepentant sin and yet trying to help others grow in Jesus. A group doing the depending on Jesus point could have a wrong skit where someone is relying on their own strength to say the right words and have the best response to a skeptic's answer, rather than relying on the Holy Spirit to use their stumbling attempts.
- Have them share the skits, then debrief what you saw. Which skit was easier to produce: the wrong one, or the right one? Which is easier for us to do? Why? How do we incline our hearts to submitting to and depending on Jesus, especially with the help of the Holy Spirit and the promises of the Bible?

##### Option 2: The Illustrated Handbook to the Great Commission

- Your students have been assigned to create the illustrations for The Illustrated Handbook to the Great Commission. The handbook is based off the second point of the lesson (obey Jesus). It has six sections; assign one section to each student (or group of students). They should make at least one illustration for their section (I'd require one illustration per student). Captions may be helpful.:
  - Who are we teaching? Jesus!
  - What are we teaching?
    - Knowing and communicating the big story of the Bible
    - Encouraging and equipping others to read the Bible
    - Helping others encounter Christ

- Challenging others to obedience
  - Where do we teach?
- Let them produce their illustrations and then share and explain them. Use what they draw to correct as necessary and praise where applicable. Especially if they do multiple drawings, they can probably make some very good points and application.

::CONVEY::

If you are pressed for time this week, consider only covering points one and three of the session.

Remember, this is merely a suggested outline adaptation for a middle school group. If you decide to incorporate one or more option into your group time, you will likely have to be very selective on the material you decide to teach through. Keep in mind that each class is different, and as the leader guide suggests, personalize the lesson content for your class by determining what elements are most applicable. Don't feel pressured to teach through all of the content in a single meeting, but instead help middle school students to see the main overall point and big picture the lesson is conveying.

::COLLIDE::

See Leader Guide