

Chapter 2 – The Great Commission

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

One way to be intentional over these closing weeks is to come up with some experiencing questions to challenge your group members. An experiencing question facilitates the application of God's truth specifically to the group member's lives. A correct understanding of Scripture should always lead to application and you as the leader have the opportunity to guide your group into application. As Francis Chan says on pg. 264, "*It's not enough to merely absorb the information – you must respond to it!*" An example of an experiencing question would be question #8 on page 275 – "*Given your specific setting, what would it look like to pursue the Great Commission through the power of the spirit?*" Another question you could ask might be, "*How is your life radically different because of Jesus?*" Whether you use experiencing questions from the book or come up with your own, make sure that your discussion includes time to process these questions as a group and consider how you, as the leader, can follow-up with your group members in regards to their responses. Don't be afraid to challenge your members with these questions and allow them to see how you are personally applying them as well. Let's be sure to actually apply Scripture and what we're learning to our lives, rather than being "forgetful hearers" (James 1:22-25).

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD'S STORY - God uses the Church as his method to reach the world.

OUR STORY - We, as believers, are the Church; commissioned to reach the world with the Gospel message.

MY STORY - My response as a disciple is to make disciples in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

Starting the Conversation:

Can anyone in your group recite the Great Commission from memory? Since this was Jesus' final command (and not a suggestion...) before ascending into heaven, it's a great verse to memorize. Begin your group time by having each member try to recite Matthew 28:18-20 from memory. The mere repetition might show your group members that memorization isn't really that tough; you just have to do it.

Additional Recommended Resources:

- **A Summary of Robert Coleman's *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by: Bill Glad – Fulfilling the Great Commission as Jesus Modeled.** From Intervarsity Ministry Exchange.

Additional articles, resources, and ideas are available online at: www.mbctyson.org/multiplyresources