



## Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of October 27-November 2, 2024

**Sermon Series:** *Missions Sunday*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Blake's Run**

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, we're hosting Blake's Run, our annual 5k/10k fun run! The race will be chip-timed for everyone who wants to compete but if you aren't competitive, no worries. Just run or walk for fun! Any way you participate is helping us achieve our mission of telling the world about Jesus. Register at [clifec.com/blakesrun](http://clifec.com/blakesrun).

### SHARE

#### **Icebreaker:**

Ask the group: "If you were suddenly asked to give a 2-minute TED Talk about something you're super passionate about, no preparation needed, what would it be? It could be anything from a random hobby, a favorite product, a life hack, or even your love for a certain food.

#### **Quick Review:**

In this Missions Sunday message, we are reminded that as followers of Jesus, we have been invited to be part of the greatest mission possible: sharing the Gospel with the world. God desires a relationship with all people, but sin separates humanity from Him. Through Jesus' death on the cross, salvation is available, but people must hear and receive the message of Christ to be saved. This message isn't just for professional missionaries or church staff—it's a task entrusted to every believer. We are called to be ambassadors for Christ, spreading the good news to the ends of the earth. Whether through prayer, short-term missions, long-term service, or financial support, we all have a role to play in God's plan to reach the unreached. The sermon calls us to consider how the Holy Spirit might be leading each of us to participate in this vital mission.

### **Make It Personal:**

1. Romans 10:13-14 emphasizes that people need to hear about Jesus to believe in Him. What personal barriers or fears keep you from sharing the Gospel with others? How can you overcome them?
2. How does seeing ourselves as ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) change the way we live and interact with the world around us? What does it mean for you to be an “ambassador” in your daily life?

## **STUDY**

### **Go Deeper:**

1. How does understanding God’s desire for a relationship with all people (1 Timothy 2:3-4) challenge the way we view those who have never heard the Gospel? How does it shape our responsibility toward them?
2. Acts 1:8 speaks of being witnesses in “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” How can we balance our responsibility to share the Gospel locally with the call to reach people in other parts of the world?
3. Supporting missions financially and through prayer is a key way to participate in God’s work (3 John 8, Philippians 4:15-20). How can we as a small group be more intentional about supporting missionaries and global mission efforts?

### **Action Steps:**

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## BONUS CONTENT AND TIPS FOR LEADERS

**Tie it back to the personal.** Missions can sometimes feel far off or disconnected from daily life. Bring it closer by encouraging the group to think about the message in terms of their own community and relationships. Ask them how they personally relate to the idea of missions. Help the group see that missions isn't just about traveling to another country—it's about sharing Jesus right where they are. Ask how they've experienced "missions" in their own neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools.

**Tip:** Prompt them with, "When you think about sharing the Gospel, who comes to mind in your life right now? Is it someone close or someone you've never met?" This helps them personalize the topic.

**Encourage storytelling.** Stories create connections and bring abstract concepts to life. Encourage group members to share any experiences they've had with missions, whether on a trip or in everyday life. This helps ground the conversation in real-life examples.

**Tip:** You can prompt with, "Has anyone ever had an experience on a mission trip or even just in everyday life where they saw God work in a surprising way?"

**Be honest about the challenges.** Talking about faith, missions, or sin can feel daunting. Don't be afraid to acknowledge that. Share your own struggles or insecurities about living out this calling. Vulnerability invites others to be honest, too.

**Tip:** You can say, "I'll be the first to admit that talking about Jesus can be intimidating. Does anyone else feel the same? What makes it hard for you?" Let the group feel okay with expressing doubts or challenges.