

# leave a mark

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## Week Three - Leave a Mark on the World

### BOTTOM LINE

God's plan is to reveal Himself to all people and to invite them into His redeeming love. As a follower of Jesus, you are part of the search and rescue effort, led by God.

### GOAL OF THE GROUP

To read scripture, reflect, and discuss what it could look like for each of you to share good news with the world.

### SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 7:3-9, John 3:16

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share: Tell about a time when you lost something. What did you do to search for it? Did you find it?
2. Read: 2 Kings 7:3-9
  - a. These lepers were locked outside of their own city gates. They didn't have a lot of options for survival. Even if they could get back into the city, there was famine because the city was surrounded by an enemy who's plan was to wait for them to run out of food. So the lepers decide to try approaching the enemy to beg for mercy. In verse 8 what "good news" do they discover? What do they do?
  - b. In verse 9 what do they decide to do? Why would they do this? Would you?
  - c. If the lepers hadn't gone back to share their good news with the people of their city, how would those people have learned about it?
  - d. Share: If you feel like your relationship with Jesus is good news, share some things you remember about how it was before you knew this good news, how you learned about it, and how it has changed your life.
3. In the Bible, the word "gospel" is used interchangeably with "good news". Does the thought of sharing the gospel make you feel overwhelmed because there is so much to explain that you don't know where to begin or end?! Are you able to articulate the gospel in just a couple of sentences?
4. Read John 3:16 together
  - a. If you break this down, it highlights four things: God loved. God gave. We believe. We have. Based on this simple breakdown of the gospel, there is only one thing that is imperative for us to do. Let's look at the word believe. It is best translated as "trust in" rather than "believe that". What is the difference? So what do we need to do?
  - b. If we put our trust in Jesus, what does God promise us?
  - c. Having eternal life is not just a promise about what happens when we die. It refers to the life we can have now. If you have time, read some of these verses: John 3:36, John 5:24, John 17:3, Romans 6:23 and share your reflections about what it means to have eternal life.
  - d. How comfortable would you be having a conversation with someone and sharing this good news outlined in John 3:16? Explain.

... we need to reclaim the "goodness" of the gospel, and the best place to start is to rediscover the good news ourselves.

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### TRY THIS

I will leave a mark on my world by asking God to show me one person in my life who needs to know He loves them.

Then I will...

Tell them about God's love and share the 4 parts of the Gospel

Show this person how much God loves them through an act of kindness