

GO: Go Global

Week 4 – June 6, 2021

Scripture: Philemon 1:6 and Acts 1:3-8

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: Have you ever volunteered for something that pushed you out of your comfort zone? Share your experience.

Read Philemon 1:6 and Acts 1:3-8 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

Let's recap the previous 3 weeks as we jump into the final week of "GO".

Week 1 = Go Share: Come and see / go and tell. To follow Jesus is to invite others to follow Him as well.

Week 2 = Go Plant: A community committed to reaching people will reach more people than a person committed to reaching people. Church planting was Jesus idea for reaching the world, transforming mankind, and pushing back hell.

Week 3 = Go With: God looks at the needs of others and asks, "who do I have?" and we have the opportunity to respond, "me".

Today = Our commitment to fulfill the mission Jesus gave us to go to the ends of the earth.

One of the most neglected aspects of personal spiritual growth, and change, is our commitment to go. We often equate spiritual growth with learning and knowing more. While there's certainly stuff to learn and know, Philemon 1:6 makes it clear that there's a point where our growth doesn't hinge on more things to know, but on our commitment to Go!

Share your thoughts about following questions:

1. Today, most statistics show that in the last 50 years the church experienced what some call "*The Great Decline*" where numbers are trending backwards, and a lot of people are worried about declining church attendance. Perhaps the real tragedy isn't that churches are losing people, but that the church is losing its PURPOSE and VISION. Read the following verses. What do they say about Jesus' ultimate goal for His church?
 - a. Matthew 28:16-20
 - b. 2 Peter 3:9
 - c. Romans 10:13-15
 - d. Matthew 24:14
2. Sometimes we are placed on the front lines, other times we need to support the supply lines. Without both of these lines our mission cannot be accomplished. What technology, resources, or gifts do have, viewed through the lens of a supply line, would help advance God's mission?
3. Vision and impact are closely related. If our vision of who and how many people we can reach is small, our impact will be small. Jesus desires our efforts to be both global and local (Acts 1:3-8). Is there a way you are being called to live a life that is more open-handed? It could be a personal commitment to "Go" or supporting other leaders where God is already moving.

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God for His mission to go to the ends of the earth. *Jesus, please increase my heart for my neighbors, increase my heart for my city, increase my heart for my country, and increase my heart for the world.*