



God's People Proclaim the Gospel to the Lost

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus desires that the church grow to include more and more people.
- The church is to intentionally go out and proclaim the gospel to lost sinners.
- Proclaiming the gospel involves good works, evangelism, and missions.

MEMORY WORK

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.—Matthew 28:19-20a

SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

1) Matthew 28:18-20

3) Mark 5:19b

5) 1 Peter 3:15

7) Revelation 5:9

2) Matthew 5:16

4) Romans 10:17

6) Acts 1:8

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Talk about the different ways your church goes about proclaiming the gospel to lost sinners. Ask: *In what ways could our family be more involved in doing good works, evangelism, and missions? Why should every Christian care about those who do not know, trust, and love Jesus? What does Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" show us about Jesus' heart for the lost? What are one or two simple things we could do this week to show concern for lost sinners?*

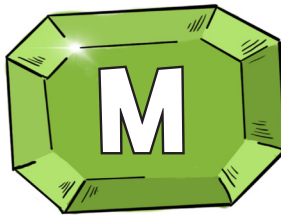
Point out that you must know the gospel before you can share the gospel with someone. Ask: *What do you think are the main and most important truths of the gospel?* (See the 10 Essential Gospel Truths handout or, if you didn't receive this handout after this week's lesson, you can find it online at: Truth78.org/media/wysiwyg/10_Essential_Truths.pdf) Point out that witnessing to others does not necessarily mean that we have to present the entire gospel to them—every single truth all at once. Sometimes we might only have an opportunity to share one important truth and pray that God would bring other opportunities at another time.

Review Matthew 28:18-20. Emphasize that Jesus has commanded His church to go out to the ends of the world and proclaim the gospel, urging everyone to respond in belief. But we cannot cause people to believe. Only God can do this by His power (1 Corinthians 3:5-7). *Why is this important to keep in mind? Why is this comforting for God's people? How does knowing this encourage us to pray for the lost? Who could we specifically pray for this week?*

ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing letters to complete the "GEM" visual. Then complete the sentences. (Hint: See the main ideas above.)

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Show JESUS to the World!

Our church proclaims the gospel to the lost by...

I can be involved by ...