

VOLUNTEER DEVOTIONAL



STUDY

"Evangelist" might not be your dream job title. (High five if it is!) But did you know that "evangelism," or sharing the Good News about Jesus, is a part of your life's purpose? This month, you'll be studying the Gospels and looking through the lens of community to see how Jesus sends each of us to do different things. Jesus sends you together with others to bring healing and to create a bold statement about God's love that exists for everyone. As you read through these stories, ask God to reveal the mission that's for you and the community you've been called to serve. You may never have the word "evangelist" in your social media bio, but you will always have opportunities to share the Good News that has been shared with you.

To get ready for this series, **spend a few minutes reading the stories we'll be teaching students this month.** As you do, think about what God has taught you (and is still teaching you) about sharing the Good News through these passages, and how these Big Ideas have been true in your life.

WEEK 1: Jesus sends us on a mission.

Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 12:1-2

WEEK 2: Jesus sends us to bring healing.

Matthew 9:1-13; Romans 12:9-18

WEEK 3: Jesus sends us out together.

Luke 10:1-3; Romans 5:1-8

WEEK 4: Jesus sends us out boldly.

Matthew 10:26-31; 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

PRAY

If you've said yes to serving and spending time with teenagers, then you probably have a pretty good idea that you've been called to share the Good News with others. The problem that we leaders sometimes face is feeling like we don't have what it takes. We may not feel like we know enough about God or the Bible. Or, we don't have a ton of experience working with students. Maybe you think your energy has run out and you can't sit through one more small group question tangent. This month, pray for the confidence you need to keep going! Who you are in relationship to teenagers and what you do to communicate God's love is huge! Ask God to show you all of the ways you're being equipped to serve.

Which passage of Scripture or Big Idea from this month is most relevant to you right now? Spend a few minutes asking God to show you how you've already grown in this area, plus the next step you need to take in order to keep growing.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to celebrate the mission Jesus has given you or accept one that you've been invited to? Do you need to respond to someone in your life with a healing conversation, a healing response to their need, or a healing opportunity for reconciliation? Do you need to express gratitude for others who serve together with you in community? Do you need to accept the boldness Jesus offers to share about God's love with the people you meet?

Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help students do the same.