

## WEEK 11 GO + TELL

### OBJECTIVE

This week, we'll learn to share our Jesus story with others, and we'll be encouraged to share it often. We may not be able to go into all the world and share the good news, but what about our world?

### CHECKLIST

- Pray over each group member by name.
- Send out mid-week text to check in with Small Group members.
- Two weeks remain of our semester. Begin to identify who in your group can lead a FOUNDATIONS group next Small Group session.
- Invite group members to bring any questions from last week's topic.
- Remind group members of upcoming Next Steps opportunities (Baptism, Connect, etc.).
- Select someone to share their story next week.

### SMALL GROUP

#### SOCIAL: 10 MINUTES

Welcome the group and create connections for group members to one another.

#### ICEBREAKER: 5 MINUTES

"What's the last experience that you told someone about that they just had to experience for themselves?"

#### STORY: 3 MINUTES

At least a few days in advance, ask one person from the group to share their story of what their life was like before Jesus and when they made the decision to follow Jesus. (Be sure to hold them to a 3-minute limit!)

#### INTRODUCTION: 5 MINUTES

Remind attendees of the purpose of this group and the importance of their (and your) commitment to it. Celebrate any milestones or next steps of individuals in the group.

Allow participants to share their thoughts on the previous week's devotional and encourage them to ask

any questions they had written down regarding last week's topic.

"How did you see God move through you this week through your devotions?"

"What questions did you write down?"

"Who filled out the Getting Started Assessment and signed up for a Ramsey+ subscription? And what did you learn?"

#### VIDEO: 15 MINUTES

Set up and prepare for this week's video teaching.

"Here we go. Two weeks remain of our FOUNDATIONS study. We've learned a lot about how we can serve, give and sacrifice, but what about sharing our story and inviting people in our world to follow Jesus? It might be easier than you think. Let's check it out and keep building."

#### READ: 2 MINUTES

Open your Bibles together and read through this week's passage. Be sure that everyone is able to find the book, chapter and verses and encourage group members to take turns reading.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

#### DISCUSSION: 30 MINUTES

Lead the group through the reflection questions, encouraging them to even ask their own questions. (This is not the time for the leader to talk, but for participants to engage with each other. Rule of thumb: you talk 30% of the time, they talk 70% of the time.) Be sure that no one or two people dominate the conversation, but you're facilitating and directing the participation of everyone.

### QUESTION 1

If you were to ask a close friend what your life is preaching, what do you think they would say?

### QUESTION 2

Share about a time you have had the opportunity to share the Gospel. How did it go, and how do you think you grew?

### QUESTION 3

In what ways would like to grow in sharing your story with others? In what ways could you get more practice sharing your story?

### QUESTION 4

We can commit to do these three things consistently with our lives:

- SHOW the Gospel with your life.
- TELL your story of how Jesus changed your life.
- EXPLAIN the greater plot points of the Gospel.

Rate these 1 through 3, 1 being the easiest for you and 3 being the one you want to grow in the most.

### PRAYER: 15 MINUTES

Split into groups of two and pray.

Prayer Focus: In your group, share a two- to three-minute version of how you met Jesus, what life was before and what it looks like now. Then, pray for how God may allow each of you to share your stories this week.

### NEXT STEPS: 5 MINUTES

Introduce the materials and encourage members to engage in their weekly devotions for the coming week. Discuss any upcoming events or opportunities for them to take next steps (attending worship experiences, baptism, Rock City Connect, serving beyond our walls).

- Remind group members that next week is the last week together for our FOUNDATIONS study.
- Small Group Leader Training: Tell your group that Rock City will be offering this study each time we

have a Small Group semester. There will be plenty of opportunity to see new leaders step up and lead these types of groups. If someone would like to learn more about leading a group of their own, encourage them to sign up for the next Small Group Leader Training event.