

LESSON ONE

NEW PURPOSE

Do What He Did: Equipped for Mission

Why this matters: Following Jesus moves us from simply knowing Him to joining Him in His mission. Jesus doesn't send us out unprepared—He equips us, empowers us, and promises to be with us as we do what He did.

Start Here: When you think about being part of Jesus' mission, what comes to mind? Does it feel exciting, intimidating, or a little of both?

The Big Idea: Jesus doesn't just call us to His mission – He equips us for it.

Read Together:

Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 4:18-19

Ephesians 2:10

After reading, ask: What stands out to you? What do you notice about Jesus' invitation and His commission?

A Few Truths to Hold:

- Every follower of Jesus is called to make disciples.
- Jesus is the one who transforms and equips us for His mission.
- We don't do this alone—Jesus promises to be with us

Talk About It: What changes when you realize you don't have to make yourself qualified for God's mission?

Living It Out:

Jesus' call to His disciples was simple: "Follow Me, and I will make you..."

As we follow Him, Jesus does the transforming and prepares us to do what He did. We describe discipleship like an apprenticeship:

- I do, you watch — observe.
- I do, you help — participate.
- You do, I help — step out with guidance.
- You do, I watch — grow into helping others.

We learn the way of Jesus by walking with Him and with others, eventually helping someone else do the same.

Practice This Week: Ask God how He might use your experiences, skills, or passions for His purposes.

Pray Together: Take a few moments to pray out loud, asking God to use your life to help others follow Jesus.

Looking Ahead: Next time, we'll explore how God has uniquely equipped you to serve and participate in His mission.