DISCUSSION GUIDE

How to Share Jesus Without Fear
The Gospel of Mark—Wk 76

ICEBREAKER: If you could rid the world of one evil, which one would it be? Why?

OVERVIEW: God is on a mission in the world, and that mission is to save the lost. And God's method of evangelism is to use you and me as His witnesses — sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with lost people in a way that they can get in on it if they want to. But evangelism is not easy. It takes courage. It takes knowledge. It takes skill. It takes love. And because of its challenges, many Christians don't evangelize at all. In this discussion we will talk about what we need to do to grow in the area of personal evangelism.

1. **Read Mark 16:14-20**. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)

2. What is the Great Commission, and who is it for?

3. Read the different versions of the Great Commission. How are they similar? How are they different?

   - Matthew 28:18-20.
   - Mark 16:15.
   - Luke 24:46-48.
   - John 20:21.
   - Acts 1:8.

4. Which individuals were instrumental in leading you to Christ?

5. Has God used you to help someone become a Christian? Explain.

6. What is evangelism, and why is it important? Why is it urgent?

7. What do you need to do to become a more effective witness?

8. One thing you can do to become a better witness is to pray for the salvation of your lost friends. Who do you need to be regularly praying for in this way?

9. One study revealed that the reason most Christians rarely, if ever witness, is because they struggle with four major fears: The fear of rejection; the fear of not knowing enough; the fear of offending; and the fear of ridicule or persecution. Which do you struggle with the most? Explain.

10. What can be done to overcome these fears?

The Last Word: Those on the road to heaven will not be content to go there alone.

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