

## HIGHLANDS SMALL GROUPS

### THIS GOSPEL WILL BE PREACHED

#### Big Idea

This week, Pastor Chris continued to encourage us about the end times. Last week, we began talking about Matthew 24:12-14, which describes the beginning of the end times as a time when wickedness increases and many Christians fall away. But, with God's help, we can stand strong until the end. The rest of this passage of Scripture says that during these times, the Gospel will be preached, and then the end will come. History shows that any time there has been an increase in wickedness, there has also been an increase in the growth of the Kingdom of God. As believers, we are commissioned to share our faith so that the Good News will spread and people will be saved!

To share the Gospel, we first have to accept the responsibility that we are God's plan for the world to hear the Good News. There is no "Plan B." Next, we need to develop personal relationships with the people we're trying to reach. Then, we need to be ready to share our personal stories so they can understand the hope we have in Jesus. Finally, we need to give them a personal invitation to accept Jesus. This is the Good News people need to know: God loves them and sent His Son to pay for their sins; He can give peace no matter the circumstance; He will give us strength to make it through; He is ready to save us right now! The world is ready to receive the Gospel. Let's be God's messengers, and share the Good News!

#### Discussion Questions

- How has your sense of personal responsibility to share the Gospel shifted after this week's message?
- Are you comfortable sharing your personal story and the Gospel with others? Why or why not?
- Of the message we are commissioned to share (Good News, peace, good tidings, salvation), which is easiest and hardest for you to communicate with others? Why?

#### Prayer Focus

Jesus, thank You for the Good News You brought to the world. I am so grateful for the cross and the hope that You have given all of us through Your sacrifice. Help me be Your messenger by connecting with others and boldly inviting them into a relationship with You. I am available. Let the Gospel be shared through me!

#### Next Steps

This week, think about your personal salvation story and how you can begin to communicate it with others. Look for moments to share the Good News of Jesus with others. When the opportunity comes, be bold!

#### Leader Tip

Encourage your group members to get comfortable sharing their testimony. If you haven't done so already, share your testimony so they can experience the affect it can have on others.

