



**40 CHURCHES**

**40 SENT**

**The Week of May 1, 2022**

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**Conversation Guide**

### **This Week's Takeaways**

- **I place God's priorities above my own:** (Matthew 6:33) I will place God's priorities as described in the Bible ahead of my own.
- **Identity:** (John 1:12) I have worth and value because I am made in God's image and am His child. As His child, I live my life to bring glory to God and to serve His purposes.





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## Intro Questions

- Did you share the gospel with someone this week?
- Have you ever been on a mission trip? Where did you go? What did you do?
- What does it mean to be “called” to a profession or vocation?
- How do you think someone knows when they are called to work in missions or ministry?





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Isaiah 6:6-8

*Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said:*

*Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking:*

*Who will I send?*

*Who will go for us?*

*I said:*

*Here I am. Send me. '*





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- What was Isaiah's attitude towards God's calling? Was he hesitant?
- Before Isaiah could answer God's call, what had to happen?

### Luke 14:25-35

*Now great crowds were traveling with him. So he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, and even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*





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*“For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This man started to build and wasn’t able to finish.’*

*“Or what king, going to war against another king, will not first sit down and decide if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. In the same*





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*way, therefore, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.*

*“Now, salt is good, but if salt should lose its taste, how will it be made salty? It isn’t fit for the soil or for the manure pile; they throw it out. Let anyone who has ears to hear listen.”*

- List Jesus’ requirements for following Him.
- Does this mean you can’t talk to or love your family anymore? ;)
- Why does Jesus use such extreme language to describe the call to follow him?





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- Do you have any relationships you know you need to mend to be free to fully follow God?
- What is the cost of fully following Jesus?
- How do you get the salt out of the salt shaker? What in your life and in churches around the world needs to be shaken up?

### Hebrews 12:1-2

*Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the*





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*race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- What is keeping you from pursuing God's call on your life? What hindrances do you need to lay aside?
- What is the finish line of the race we're running?
- What was Jesus' motivation for running the race? What should motivate you?
- How can we line up our will and motivation with Jesus'?





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Philippians 1:4-6

*...always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

- What promise of God did Paul highlight in this passage?
- How do you think that promise made the Philippian believers feel?
- How do you feel knowing that this is true of you also?





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- How can you partner with other believers to further the gospel and spread the Good News?

### Philippians 1:27-28

*Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation —and this is from God.*





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- We all need a support team! Where should we find ours as believers?
- How are you reaching out to support those around you in the church?
- Who can you thank for supporting and encouraging you?

## **Next Steps**

- What vices have a grip on you and could prevent you from following God's call on your life?
- Find a trusted Christian friend that can hold you accountable to making the changes you need.





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- Need more help than a friend can give? Contact a pastor, or Christian counselor to help you as you tackle this issue.
- • Are you fulfilling the Great Commission or the Great Omission?
- Think of one person that you need to build a witnessing relationship with. Can't think of someone? Pray! God will show you!