



## Joining the “Good News” Team

**Sunday’s Teaching:** This week’s teaching put the spotlight on how teamwork with fellow Christians can empower sharing the gospel and making disciples. The basic idea: **Because together we unashamedly follow Jesus, we love in teamwork to share what God loves to do** (bring others into His family as disciples). We are “better together” when we team up with others in a discipleship team or Connect Group to winsomely love to share the good news.

**Let’s get STARTED** – warm up by discussing the following:

- Though you may feel personally comfortable being a Christian, do you feel intimidated about sharing with others your Christian convictions and allegiance to Jesus Christ? If so, why?
- Have you thought the call to share your faith to be something you do, more or less, individually?
- What aspect of Christianity have you found it most difficult for some to accept or believe?
- What’s the difference, in your thinking, between encouraging someone to believe in Christ vs. “making a disciple”? Which are we called together to do?

**Let’s Explore in the WORD** about confidently making disciples together. Answer the following questions exploring the Scriptures.

Key Idea:

WHY DOES GOD’S SPIRIT ENCOURAGE US TO BE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE GOSPEL?

Romans 1:14-17      1 Corinthians 1:18-25      2 Corinthians 3:12-18

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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN CALLED BY THE MASTER TO DO (and HOW)?

Matthew 28:16-20      Colossians 4:2-5      Colossians 1:21:33-357-29

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WHAT IS OUR BEST “ADVERTISEMENT” FOR BELIEVING AND FOLLOWING JESUS?

John 13:33-38      Ephesians 5:1-4      1 John 3:16-23

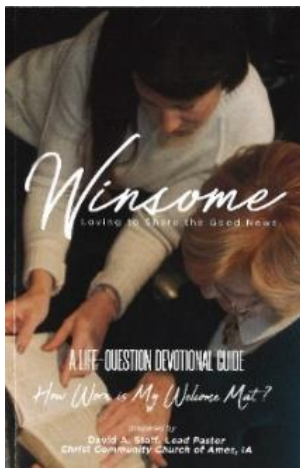
(how can we *together* extend that love to those not yet in God’s family?)

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HOW DOES SCRIPTURE DESCRIBE US IN OUR ROLE AS DISCIPLEMAKERS?

2 Corinthians 5:18-21      Philippians 2:14-16      1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

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### Let’s Prioritize APPLICATION

ASK for someone to share how the WINSOME devotional has been helping them to grow. And, as a Connect group, consider “reaching” together in the following ways. Pray about which one the Spirit of God may prompt you to do:

In your CONNECT GROUP...

- (1) Rehearse sharing the gospel
- (2) Pray for all of your unbelieving friends together...do you have a master list of those in the relational networks of your CG members
- (3) Pray about adding someone/some couple who may not know the Savior – invite and love them in
- (4) Consider serving together in a reaching way
  - Host a pizza party together and invite internationals you may know
  - Find a concert or movie to go together and invite others to join you
  - Identify a need you can meet together for a single parent family

If you have time as a group, listen together to our **Beyond the Sermon** podcast, Episode #8. “What happens when someone trusts Christ?” You can find it on our CCC app!

