

## Mission Shaped Living

### Session One: Being Sent

We are all starting in different places and so each of our journeys through the coming weeks will be different. So there is no expectation of us all starting at the same place or ending in the same place at the end of our Mission Shaped Living journey. But we have all believed the Good News of Jesus Christ and each of us can take steps forward in our calling to be a witness for him. Like a baton in a relay race we have received the Gospel and we are now sent to pass it on.

Jesus first called the fishermen Peter and Andrew, and James and John to be his followers. In Jewish culture the young men who showed most spiritual promise in the local synagogue were invited by a Rabbi to be their disciple. All other young men were left to continue in their father's business. So we know that these young men hadn't made the spiritual grade. But then they met Jesus and they were willing to follow him and learn from him. So following Jesus and being sent by him on mission is not about our ability or being ready, it is simply about being willing to become his apprentice, a learner, which is all a disciple is. As we begin this first session try and lay down any anxieties and trust him to lead you and teach you as you follow him.

**IN**

**How are you?**

How did you come to believe in Jesus and what difference has he made to your life?



#### **Being Sent**

- John 20:19-22
- Matthew 28: 16-20
- Mark 1: 14-18
- Acts 1: 4-8

As a follower of Jesus what do these passages say about who you are and what God wants to do through you?

How do you feel about the fact that Jesus is calling you to represent him and reveal him to others?

### **Getting Practical**

List the places and main relationships in which you spend the majority of your time each week:



Do you enter these places with a sense of being 'sent' by Jesus?

What are the challenges about being a witness for Jesus here?

### **Imagine this....**

Think about someone you know who isn't a follower of Jesus. Imagine that it is now one year from today and they have come to put their trust in Jesus. Imagine how that might have happened?

How do you feel?

What did you do to enable that to happen?

What do you think might have to change in order for you to do this?

## **UP Prayer and Worship**

Pray and bring all that we have been thinking and talking about to Jesus

### **Read Luke 10: 1-20**

What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

What do we learn about the life of mission that Jesus has called us to?

What is your response to this?

The sending of the 72 in this passage will form the basis of the structure of the rest of *Mission Shaped Living*. Here is a brief summary of how each title relates to this passage:



Confident (v2-3)

Compassion (v8-9)

Connecting (v5-6)

Continuing (v7)

Conversion (v9)

Cultivation (v2)

**OUT**

**Daily Prayer**

Write a prayer to pray at the start of every day of the coming week. A prayer that offers yourself to God to be used to share his love and good news with others who you will meet that day.



## **Prayer of Consecration**

Lord Jesus Christ, I am no longer my own but yours.

In gratitude for your saving death on my behalf I offer my life to you afresh.

Call me to the mission of your Kingdom and open my eyes to the spiritual need of those around me.

Give me your love and compassion for the lost, and strengthen me with your grace to serve them and be a blessing to them.

Send me in the power of your Holy Spirit to witness to the Gospel and reveal you to those I meet.

Teach me how to make disciples and where I need to change my attitude, lifestyle and my habits.

I freely and wholeheartedly commit myself to this call, knowing that in everything you will give me your inspiration, strength and grace.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

If you are reading Mission Shaped Grace alongside this course read Chapter 1 'What's the story?' & Chapter 2 'Missional Discipleship' before next week.

### **ACTIVATION**

The Eden Bus is coming to EMBC if you life group would like to get involved on Saturday night in support the team and helping out please speak to David Graham or Angela Jamieson