

Session 2: Why We Are Here

GOALS

Main Idea: You are to bear accurate witness to Jesus through both grace-filled actions and truth-centered words—prioritizing this mission above political or cultural agendas.

Head Change: To faithfully represent Jesus to the world through truth and grace.

Heart Change: To inspire you to embody Jesus’ love, grace, and compassion for others while remaining steadfast to God’s truth.

Life Change: To live as a visible reflection of Jesus and point others to his kingdom in every aspect of your life.

OPEN

Choose one of the following questions to begin your discussion:

If you had the opportunity to meet a world leader, what could you say or do to reflect your faith in Christ in that moment?

Why do you think it is so easy for Christians to ignore their primary calling of being witnesses of Jesus who make disciples?

WATCH

Watch Session 2: “Why We Are Here” (18 minutes).

- Christians are called to be *witnesses* to Jesus and his kingdom—not win political battles.
- Christians provide glimpses of God’s kingdom through acts of kindness and generosity.
- The Great Commission centers on making disciples, with all other activities serving this primary purpose.
- Christians must embody both grace and truth, which will present a complete and accurate picture of Jesus in every interaction.
- Like Daniel and his friends, Christians are called to shine like stars in a dark world.

DISCUSS

Discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. What stood out to you most about the idea that your primary purpose as a Christian is to bear witness to Jesus and his kingdom?
2. Read Acts 1:6–8. What was Jesus’ commission to his disciples? How does this commission clarify your role as a Christian in the world today?
3. Read Matthew 28:19–20. How do Jesus’ words in this passage challenge you to align all aspects of your life with the mission of making disciples?
4. Read Daniel 12:3. What is the meaning of Daniel’s statement that those who are wise “shine like the brightness of the heavens”?
5. What are some practical changes you can make in your daily life to ensure your actions and words consistently reflect Jesus’ grace and truth?

REFLECT

Complete the following activities before watching the next session.

Read: Read Jeremiah 29:4–7. How do God’s instructions to the Jewish exiles challenge you to seek the welfare of your community while remaining faithful to your identity as his people?

Write: If you’ve felt you have not been treating others consistently with either truth or grace, take a moment to write out how you will seek to correct that in your life.

Pray: Ask God to give you opportunities to demonstrate both grace and truth in your community and for the power of the Holy Spirit to make your witness effective.

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