



THE BIBLE
-SAYS-

Week Four | God's Plan A | 09.19-20.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: In Matthew 28, Jesus spoke the words that we now call The Great Commission. These were His final instructions for His disciples then and now. The mission of Jesus has not changed over the years. How are we living this out today?

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Who is an underdog you root for? Why do you root for them?
- Digging Deeper: Why do you think many of us want to root for an underdog? How would you describe the Church as an underdog?

» Observation | Read Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:19-22

(15 minutes)

- What is your initial reaction to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Our mission started before us and will outlive us.

(15 minutes)

- Define the mission of the Church in your own way. In what ways do you find yourself living out this mission?
- We are all on a mission. What are some of the "missions" you see people on today? How do these "missions" line up with God's mission for the Church? What are some similarities and differences?

» The Moving Rock | Reference Matthew 16:13-20

(15 minutes)

- How do you hope people describe you now and after you have passed away? Explain the words you chose.
- The church has always been God's Plan A for the world. According to Jesus, what is it built on top of in our life?
- How does your perspective need to change in terms of what the church is for?

» The Eternal Cornerstone | Reference Ephesians 2:19-22

(15 minutes)

- How do you measure success in life? Describe what this looks like for you and those around you?
- What is a cornerstone, and why is Jesus referred to as that?
- If you are truly a temple of the Holy Spirit, how is He calling you to change your life to join the mission of the church?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How will you re-engage in the mission God has called us all to? What are some practical steps you can take this week to become more involved in what we are all called to do?
- Close by praying for each other to take a next step in the mission God is calling them to.