



Small Group Guide – September 10 & 13

The Ridge Vision – You've Been Sent

Date: September 10 & 13, 2026

Focus Passage(s): Romans 10:13-15

Theme: God uses ordinary people to carry the extraordinary hope of Jesus to other people.

Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Get comfortable, begin connecting
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

Welcome + Icebreaker (10 min)

Have you ever been sent to do something you felt completely unqualified to do? What happened?

Maybe it was a project at work, becoming a parent, fixing something around the house, leading something, or even being sent to the store with very specific instructions.

2. Who is someone who took a chance on you, invited you somewhere, or included you in something that ended up making a difference in your life?

Key Message Recap

The message puts it simply:

"If you belong to Jesus, you've been sent."

You may never move across the world. You may never stand on a stage. But you have neighbors, coworkers, friends, classmates, teammates, family members, and people you encounter every day. Those relationships may not be accidental.

God could spread the message of Jesus however He wants, but He chooses to involve ordinary people like us, and His mission moves forward through people who are willing to go.

Discussion Questions (25 min)

Everyone Can Call on Jesus

Read Romans 10:13

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The message emphasizes that this invitation is for anyone and everyone.

No matter who you are. No matter what you have done. No matter where you have been.

Jesus offers forgiveness, new life, and relationship with God.

Discuss

- What makes Romans 10:13 such good news?
- Why is it important to remember that the gospel is available to everyone?
- How can we unintentionally begin deciding who is or isn't likely to respond to Jesus?
- How would remembering what Jesus has done for you change the way you view someone who does not yet follow Him?

Key Truth - There is no person beyond the reach of the hope of Jesus.

Someone Has to Tell Them

Read Romans 10:14

Paul asks: **"How can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? How can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"**

Think about your own story. For many of us, there was a person involved. Someone invited us. Someone prayed for us. Someone answered a question. Someone brought us to church. Someone told us about Jesus. Someone lived differently enough that we started asking why.

Discuss

- Who played an important role in helping you hear about or understand Jesus?
- What did that person do that made an impact?
- Why do you think God chooses to use people to reach people?
- What fears keep us from talking about our faith?

Key Truth - Someone else's willingness to go may have played a significant role in your story. Now God can use you in someone else's.

If You Belong to Jesus, You've Been Sent

The message says:

"Not necessarily across the ocean. Not necessarily onto a stage. But into your neighborhood. Into your workplace. Into your school. Onto your team. Into your family."

Sometimes we imagine being "sent" means going somewhere unusual. But your mission field may already be on tomorrow's calendar.

Discuss

- How does this change your understanding of being "sent"?
- Where has God already placed you?
- What relationships or environments in your life have you never considered part of your mission?
- How might your attitude toward work, school, your neighborhood, or your children's activities change if you believed God intentionally placed you there?

Key Truth - Your everyday places can become the places where God does extraordinary things.

Ordinary People Carry Extraordinary Hope

The message says:

"God has always moved forward when the people of God go where he sends them."

God does not wait until we know everything or feel qualified. He does not wait until we have perfect lives, but consistently uses ordinary, imperfect, hesitant people.

Discuss

- What makes you feel unqualified to talk with others about Jesus?
- Why do we sometimes believe God can use someone else more easily than He can use us?
- How might your own imperfections actually help you connect with someone who needs Jesus?
- What would change if you stopped asking, "Am I qualified?" and started asking, "Am I available?"

Key Truth - God is not looking for perfect people. He is looking for people willing to say yes.

You Don't Have to Save Anybody

One of the most freeing statements in the message is:

"God isn't asking you to save anybody. Jesus already did the saving."

That changes any pressure we might put on ourselves. Our responsibility is not to force someone's response, but to love, pray, invite, listen, serve, share, and go where God sends us.

Discuss

- Why is it important to remember that changing someone's heart is not our responsibility?
- What does faithfulness look like even when someone does not respond the way we hoped?

Key Truth - Our responsibility is faithfulness. Jesus is the Savior.

More Truth From the Gospels (10 min)

Jesus did not simply tell His *followers* what to believe. He prepared them to carry His message into the world.

Jesus Sends Ordinary People

Read Matthew 4:18-20 Jesus approaches Peter and Andrew while they are working as fishermen. He says, "**Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!**"

Jesus meets them in their ordinary lives and gives those lives a new purpose.

Key Truth - Jesus gives ordinary lives extraordinary purpose.

Discuss

- Why do you think Jesus chose ordinary fishermen rather than only religious experts?
- What parts of your ordinary life could Jesus use to reach someone?

Jesus Sends Us Into the World

Read Matthew 28:18-20 Before returning to heaven, Jesus sends His followers to make disciples. The mission was never supposed to remain inside a church building.

Key Truth - Following Jesus includes helping other people discover and follow Jesus.

Discuss

- What does making disciples look like outside a formal church setting?
- Where has Jesus already given you opportunities to influence someone?

Jesus Tells Us to Start Where We Are

Read Mark 5:18-20 After Jesus changes the life of a man who had been suffering terribly, the man wants to leave with Jesus. Instead, Jesus tells him:

"Go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."

His mission begins at home. He doesn't need a theology degree. He simply needs to tell people what Jesus has done for him.

Key Truth - You don't have to know everything about Jesus to tell someone what Jesus has done in your life.

Discuss

- Why do you think Jesus sent this man home instead of allowing him to travel with Him?
 - What part of your story with Jesus could encourage someone else?
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Jesus Sees People Who Need Hope

Read Matthew 9:35-38 Jesus looks at the crowds and has compassion because they're confused and helpless.

Then He tells His disciples: **"The harvest is great, but the workers are few."**

Before Jesus sends people, He helps them see people.

Key Truth - Mission begins when we stop seeing strangers, coworkers, and neighbors as interruptions, and we begin seeing people who Jesus loves.

Discuss

- Who might God be asking you to see differently?

Real-life Application (5 min)

The message asks a simple question **"Where has God already sent you?"**

Maybe it is your workplace. Your neighborhood, classroom, family, child's ball team, gym. Or parents you sit beside at activities every week.

God may not be asking you to go somewhere different, but to see differently the place where you already are.

Reflection Question

Where has God already sent you, and who has He already placed in front of you?

Next Steps Challenge (5 min)

Name One Person

Think of one person God may be sending you toward. Put that person's name in your phone or write it somewhere you will see it.

Pray for Seven Days

Pray for that person by name every day this week, and ask God to help you love them well and recognize opportunities.

Take One Step

Invite them to church. Buy them lunch or coffee. Ask how they are really doing and listen. Offer to pray for them. Help with a practical need. Share something Jesus has done in your life.

Avoid turning the "one person" challenge into a project where someone becomes a target. People are not projects.

Let the goal be genuine relationships, listening, prayer, service, and care. We share Jesus because we love people, not because we are trying to complete an assignment.

Just begin with what you know - **What has Jesus done in my life?**

Prayer

Mission-Focused Prayer

Thank Jesus for the person or people who helped you discover Him. Ask God to give you compassion for people who do not yet know Him. Ask God to reveal where He has already sent you.

Pray for courage when an opportunity comes. Ask for wisdom to know when to speak and when simply to listen.

Ask God to open natural opportunities for conversations, invitations, acts of service, and prayer.

Pray for Greensburg

Pray for the people of Greensburg and Decatur County. Pray for families, schools, teachers, first responders, public servants, community leaders, local churches, and care organizations already serving the community.

Pray for Justin Reid and those preparing for the future Greensburg campus.

Pray for wisdom regarding the location, launch team, relationships, resources, and decisions still ahead. Most importantly, pray for people who will ultimately encounter the hope of Jesus through the ministry happening there.

Deeper Dive Character Study: Andrew – Bringing One Person to Jesus

Scripture: John 1:35-42; John 6:5-13; John 12:20-22

Andrew never receives the attention that Peter does. Peter becomes one of the most recognizable leaders in the early church. Andrew often appears quietly in the background, but there is something fascinating about him.

He repeatedly brings people to Jesus.

Andrew's story fits the challenge of this message because he demonstrates that reaching people does not always require a stage, a crowd, or a dramatic ministry.

Sometimes it means noticing one person and bringing that person one step closer to Jesus.

Key Moment 1: Andrew Finds Jesus

Read John 1:35-40 Andrew hears John the Baptist talking about Jesus and decides to follow Him. He first experiences Jesus himself.

Discuss Why is personally experiencing Jesus important before trying to tell someone else about Him?

Key Moment 2: Andrew Finds His Brother

Read John 1:41-42 After encountering Jesus, Andrew's first response is to find his brother, Simon Peter, and then he brings him to Jesus.

Andrew does not preach a sermon or answer every theological question. He brings one person to Jesus, and that one person happens to be Peter.

Discuss

- What does Andrew's response teach us about sharing Jesus?
 - Why do we sometimes make evangelism more complicated than this?
 - Who was an "Andrew" in your life?
 - Who might God be asking you to bring one step closer to Jesus?
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Key Moment 3: Andrew Notices What Others Miss

Read John 6:5-9 Thousands of people need food. Andrew notices a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. It seems insignificant, but Andrew brings what he finds to Jesus who does the extraordinary part.

Discuss

- How does this story illustrate the difference between our responsibility and Jesus' responsibility?
 - What small thing could you offer Jesus that He might use?
 - Why should we not underestimate a simple invitation, conversation, prayer, or act of kindness?
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Key Moment 4: Andrew Brings More People to Jesus

Read John 12:20-22 Some Greeks approach Philip because they want to meet Jesus. Philip goes to Andrew. Then Andrew and Philip take them to Jesus. Once again, Andrew helps someone get closer to Jesus.

Discuss

1. What pattern do you notice in Andrew's life?
2. Why do you think Andrew was comfortable connecting people with Jesus?
3. What prevents us from doing the same?
4. How can an invitation be a meaningful spiritual act?
5. Who is one person you could intentionally move toward this week?

Key Takeaways

- Sharing Jesus often begins with one relationship.
 - You do not need every answer before you can tell someone what Jesus has done for you.
 - Small acts of faithfulness can have consequences we never see coming.
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Additional Scriptures for Further Study

Acts 1:8

Jesus tells His followers that the Holy Spirit will empower them to be His witnesses.

Colossians 4:2-6

Paul connects prayer, opportunities, wise behavior, and gracious conversation.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Followers of Jesus are encouraged to be prepared to explain their hope with gentleness and respect.

Connection to This Message

The vision is bigger than launching another campus or building or church program. God's mission has always moved through people.

Someone prayed. Someone invited. Someone served.

Someone spoke. Someone went.

Now it is our turn. If you belong to Jesus, you've been sent.