



WEEKEND RESOURCES | JULY 30, 2023

Week One | On Message, On Mission

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: The church is God's agent of transformation for the world, and the church is your opportunity to participate in that transformation. Take the step from being just a consumer at the local church to being involved.

» Main Points

- COUNT ME IN!!! Our church needs everyone - the whole body of Christ.
- As a church, we want to be on Message and on Mission.

» Getting Started

- The local church plays many roles in our lives. What role(s) has it played in yours? Is it one or more of these? If so, in what way?
 - Taught you right from wrong?
 - Gave you a sense of purpose?
 - Showed you the world was bigger than your bubble?
 - Helped you to meet lifelong friends?
 - Teaching you to be generous?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [John 3:16; Matthew 22:34-40; 28:18-20](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



reachout

- As summer ends and kids are ready to return to school, pay attention to new people you meet at the bus stop, back-to-school night, or when you meet the teacher. Try to remember names and wave or say hello when you see these people throughout the year.



growdeep

- Is there a volunteer or church staff member that has inspired you because of their service at the local church? If so, how?
- Read Matthew 22:34-40. What observations do you have? What does it mean for our church to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us?
- Regarding the local church, would you describe yourself as a passive consumer or an engaged participant? What makes you say that?
- We inherited and built our version of the local church on what was passed down from the previous generation of Jesus' followers. In turn, we are now the stewards of the local church for the next generation. When you hear that, how do you feel?



**partner
with families**

- This week, talk as a family about ways to serve together - in your neighborhood, school, or church. Then come up with a plan to make it happen!

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Is there a next step for you to take when it comes to serving the local church? If so, what should it be?
- Close by praying that God would show you how he wants you to get involved and start serving.