



SHELBY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CORE 52: New Lens – Commission * MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 10 & 11, MARK 16:15-16, JOHN 20:21-23, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 * 9/21/2025

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

Why do you think Jesus emphasized “all nations” in His commission? What does this say about the scope of the gospel?

What does it mean to “make disciples” rather than just converts? How is discipleship different from evangelism?

Have you ever felt called to share your faith or disciple someone? What was that experience like? What fears or obstacles do you face when thinking about making disciples?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 10

What stands out to you about Cornelius’ character and spiritual life (vv. 1–8)? Why do you think God responded to his prayers?

What is the significance of Peter’s vision (vv. 9–16)? How did it challenge his beliefs and traditions?

How did Peter interpret the vision when he met Cornelius (vv. 28–29)? What does this teach us about openness to God’s leading?

Have you ever felt God challenging your assumptions or traditions? How did you respond?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 11

Why were the Jewish believers upset with Peter at first (vv. 1–3)? What does this reveal about early church attitudes toward Gentiles?

How does Peter defend his actions (vv. 4–17)? What role does the Holy Spirit play in his explanation?

Are there people today who are still seen as “outsiders” in the church? How can we change that?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MARK 16:15-16

What does Jesus mean by “all the world” and “all creation”? How does this expand the scope of the gospel message?

Why do you think Jesus connects belief and baptism with salvation? What does this tell us about the role of faith and public commitment?

What is the significance of the contrast between belief and unbelief in verse 16? How does this shape our understanding of the urgency of the gospel? Do you ever struggle with the idea of condemnation for unbelief?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 20:21-23

Why does Jesus repeat “Peace be with you”? What kind of peace is He offering, and why is it important in this moment?

Have you ever felt sent by God into a specific situation or relationship? What was that like? What does it mean that Jesus is sending the disciples “as the Father has sent” Him? How does this shape our understanding of Christian mission?

What is the significance of Jesus breathing on them and saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit”? How does this moment connect to Pentecost in Acts 2?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

What does it mean to be “Christ’s ambassadors”? How does this metaphor help us understand our role in God’s mission? Do you see yourself as an ambassador for Christ in your daily life?

Why does Paul use the word “implore” when urging people to be reconciled to God? What does this say about the urgency and passion behind the message?

APPLICATION

Share a time when you became a convert to something other than Jesus - Apple, Sports Team, a diet or exercise program. What was it that convinced you to jump on board?

What rights and responsibilities do you feel you have as an "ambassador" of Christ?

What is the last "next step" you took toward God and the last "next step" you took toward another person? How would you coach another person to take those same steps?

Think of 3 people you would like to escort one step closer to God.

PRAYER