



How (Not) to Save the World, Week 1: Go Big or Get Out

What can we reveal about God's love right where we are?

• Make _____ and have _____.

• Open _____ and sit at _____.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20 (CSB)

• Learn: The _____ and _____ of _____.

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...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

• Don't _____ up.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can we reveal God's love right where we are?
2. When it comes to the words and ways of people, and the words and ways of God, which is a lens and language that you want to get better at knowing, and why?
3. Who is someone in your life that you are declaring, "I am never giving up on them"?
4. How would our families, churches, and world look differently if we all said together, "We are a part of God's plan to save the world. We will play our part. We are never giving up."?

Recommended Resources

- *How (Not) to Save the World*, by Hosanna Wong
- *Worth Dying For (Passion City Church Podcast)*, with Louie Giglio
- *Who Changed Your Life? (Equip & Empower Podcast)*, with Christine Caine
- *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, by Francis Chan
- *Sent: Living a Life That Invites Others to Jesus*, by Heather and Ashley Holleman
- *BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*, by Dave and Jon Ferguson



How (Not) to Save the World

Session 1 | Go Big or Get Out & Silence Your Story (Play our Part / Live Lights on Windows Open)

Connect: In your small group, take 5 to 7 mins to connect. Below are a few questions to guide your discussion.

- Growing up, who was your favorite superhero and why?
- On a light-hearted level, what is one superhero power you would love to have?
- On a more serious note, what is one way you would like to make a difference in the world?

Read: In your small group, read and reflect on the following passages. See reflection questions below.

Peter 4:10-11

***10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Reflect:

- What does this passage teach us about our role in serving God and others?
- What is a gift or personality trait you have that God could use to share His love with others?

Ephesians 2:1-10

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **6** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Reflect:

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- How does this passage encourage us to not silence our stories?
- How have you experienced God's grace in your life?
- How would our world look different if each and every one of us played our part, and discovered our next step in sharing our story?

Pray: Pray for one another, asking God for ideas of how to play our part in our communities, and opportunities to show His love to others in small ways throughout the week.