



HOPE Church Summer 2020 Life Groups – week 3 study guide

Bible Passages for Review:

Matthew 9:35-38 ESV

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 28:19-20a NLT

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20a Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5:14-16 ESV

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Questions for Review and Discussion:

1. When Jesus saw the crowd, we know that He saw tremendous need in them. What do you think Jesus perceived and how would you say the crowd He saw that day compared to what we see around us?
2. Matthew reported that Jesus felt compassion for them – a deep gut-felt need for something to be done. What do you feel when you see these people who are hurting? What do you think makes us respond this way?
3. In Mike’s testimony, he described what Jesus did next after “seeing the crowd”. Why do you think Jesus turned to the disciples *instead of the crowd* and instructed them to go out into the surrounding towns?
4. What would you describe as the indicator in our spiritual lives when we are ready to reach out to “the crowd”? What do you think Jesus would say to us regarding our capacity to be ready?
5. Have you ever experienced a personal conversation with someone, like the one that Mike had shared? What led you to it? What was the result of that encounter?
6. Do you think we should have these types of conversations regularly in our lives? What precludes us from having these conversations more often?
7. This week is the last week of the series “Resound”. Try to think of three (specific) things you learned from this series that you can apply in your life?