

Application:

What is it we need to do?

- When we truly understand the cost of our redemption, we are willing to pay whatever the price in mission.
 - Do you think of Church as something you only do on Sunday? How do you or how could you live your life as evidence that church is for the week?
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 - Have you identified your 8 to 15? List their names here:
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 - Are you living like you've been changed in the presence of the unchanged?
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Prayer Focus:

- Pray this prayer: "Heavenly Father, help me to apply these truths to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes."

Tuesday:

If we a true understanding of redemption will lead us to paying whatever the price is asked of us in mission, it is important to know what the mission is we have been placed on. What exactly is that mission?

Jesus made it pretty clear: (Matt. 28:18-20)

"18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

But for some reason it doesn't seem to be that clear anymore. I think we have gotten way off track in what we think the church exists to do. We want to divorce Jesus' command from what we read about how the early church lived. But, we don't realize that they lived that way because of the command they had received.

In the book of Acts, we see the church living in a radical way: (Acts 2:42-46)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

They lived in a very different way than we live today. Many today long to live in this fashion. But it wasn't a prescriptive form for the church, it was a description of how they were doing church. So, to think that this is how church **MUST** be done would be untrue.

But, it is worth noting that they lived this way because they wanted to accomplish as much mission as possible. Look at how the passage builds. They were devoted to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. They were filled with awe. They were together and shared everything. They sold stuff and gave it to those who were in need. Every day they met in the temple courts. Stop.

Why would they meet in the Temple Courts **EVERY DAY** if the church is about hunkering down, circling the wagons and protecting those who already believe? It was because they had a deep desire to fulfill their mission. It was in the Temple Courts where they had the best chance of sharing the gospel with Jews and reaching them for Christ. There was a good chance they would meet some of their old friends or even family who had disowned them there. And they could share their faith with them.

It was this radical lifestyle **COMBINED** with their radical pursuit of the mission that leads to that last line: "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." You cannot divorce what they did when they were in Christian community from what they did when they went to the Temple Courts.

Yes the early church lived in a radical way, but it was so they could reach as many people as possible. We here at SixEight have the same mission. Are we willing to live however God calls us to live so we can reach as many people as possible? And you are a part of that mission. That's why God has surrounded you with 8 to 15 people to reach for His Kingdom. Will you?

Pray these prayers:

- “Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes...”
- “...Through the power of your Spirit, prepare me to be able to apply the truth I am learning this week...”

Here’s a quick overview of the core truths we have covered in this module:

Week 1: God knows everything and God made everything.

Week 2: Read the Bible for what it is, not what we want it to be.

Week 3: When we know our purpose, we can live with purpose.

Week 4: The fall has created an ache in us that can only be filled with grace.

Week 5: The work is finished, but we aren’t.

Week 6: Jesus didn’t come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people live.

Week 7: We are not made right by what we do, we are made right by what Christ has done.

We are not heirs based on our performance, we are heirs based on God’s love for His son.

Week 8: When we truly understand the cost of our redemption, we are willing to pay whatever the price in mission.

Wednesday:

Memory Verse Review:

- **Week 1:** God knows everything and God made everything.

Romans 11:33-36

33 “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

35 “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

- **Week 2:** Read the Bible for what it is, not what we want it to be.

Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

- **Week 3:** When we know our purpose, we can live with purpose.
Gen 1:26
“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”
- **Week 4:** The fall has created an ache in us that can only be filled with grace.
Psalm 42:1-2
“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”
- **Week 5:** The work is finished, but we aren’t.
Philippians 1:6
“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
- **Week 6:** Jesus didn’t come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people live.
Romans 5:6-8
“**6** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- **Week 7:** We are not made right by what we do, we are made right by what Christ has done. We are not heirs based on our performance, we are heirs based on God’s love for His son.
Romans 5:18-19
“**18** Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”
- **Week 8:** When we truly understand the cost of our redemption, we are willing to pay whatever the price in mission.
Matthew 16:24-25
“**24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ”
- **Week 9:**
Matthew 28:18-20
“**18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Read the verse out-loud 5 times then, write the verse on a card to help you memorize the verse. Take some time to review your cards from previous weeks.

Prayer Focus

- “Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes...”
- Pray through the verse. Simply read the verse with an attitude of worship:
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - **“18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Thursday:

Study the passage in context from Wednesday.

- The context of this passage is Matthew 28.

When studying sections of scripture, here are four questions that are helpful to ask:

What is the context of this passage? (What was going on in the chapter(s) leading up to this passage?)

What does this passage say?

What is the timeless truth that is being stated?

How do I apply this truth to my life?

Prayer focus

- “Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes...”
- “...as I seek to understand more of your written word, would you open my mind to your truth. Teach me to understand your ways and give me strength to live in them...”

Friday:

We have officially turned the corner. This is the end of the first module! You’ve made it! If you can’t tell, we’ve been building up to this. Our truth for this week was: “When we truly understand the cost of our redemption, we are willing to pay whatever the price in mission.” And on Tuesday, we spent some time talking about how we have a radical mission to pursue.

When we finished on Tuesday, we asked if you would be a part of fulfilling the mission God has given to us. The good thing is, you don’t really have a choice. If you’re a follower of Christ, you are a part of the mission. You don’t get to opt out. This is the role we all play.

There are no exceptions recorded in the Bible. There’s no proof text you can find that will get you out of being a missionary into the darkness. Doesn’t that make you happy? It should. It takes all the guess work out of it. It’s not a question of if you should do it. You should and you must. The only question is when.

Well, we think the when is now. Now that we have finished this first module, we are entering into a month long series that is designed with your 8 to 15 in mind. And what we want you to do is bring them with you to church. Don’t invite them and then sleep in. Bring them with you. Offer to buy them a free lunch if they come. Just bring them with you to church.

Your 8 to 15 are your friend, family, neighbors, coworkers, grocery clerks, hair stylists, and anyone else you are around on a regular basis. Here’s what we want you to do.

First, you need to identify who they are. You might not have a full list yet. Start with who you can think of. One is better than none. One is someone you can bring with you to church. One is a very significant number. If we all brought one, it would completely change the dynamic of our church.

So, write them down on this list below:

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Then pray & expect for them daily.

- Pray that God would send his Spirit to open the eyes of the heart and mind to the Gospel.
- Pray for God to give you opportunities to invest in your relationship with them.
- Pray for God to give you the chance to live out the way God has changed your life in front of them.
- Pray and ask God to give you the opportunity, and expect that He will. And He will.

After you've invested in your relationship, invite them to come to church with you.

- Bring them to church.
- If you're comfortable, or if you feel God prompting you to share your story of how you came to faith, then stand up and share. You don't have to wait for a Sunday. The early church didn't wait for Sundays - they did it every day. We should too.
- But, if you just can't do it yourself, bring them to church and we'll share the gospel with them.

That's 8 to 15. That's what we do at SixEight. Will you join the call and start to be a disciple who makes disciple-makers? We need you to. God needs you to. That's why we are here. To fulfill the mission God has given us.

Let's stand up together in this cause and change the world around us for the Kingdom of God! Let's push back the darkness and invade the mess with the light of the gospel! I don't think we can, I know we will!

Prayer focus:

- “Heavenly Father, as we continue to think about what we learned last week, help me to not be satisfied with knowing the facts. Give me a deep desire to live out with my actions what I know with my intentions...”
- Ask God to remind you of things He has done in your life this week so that you can share them with some of us on Sunday.
- **Pray and expect God to create opportunities for you to invest in your relationship with one of your 8 to 15 and then invite them to church on Sunday or for the coming Christmas Series.**

Saturday: Rest