

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail Four, Session 16 = The Great Commission

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 211
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 122

1. Prayer:

- a. Talk about your witnessing experiences during the week.
- b. Reading the prayer on page 122.

2. Trail Talk:

- a. What is a disciple? Would you know one if you saw one? Is it the same or different from being a Christian or a church member?
- b. Did you ask someone else what they think it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

3. The Great Commission(s):

- a. There is one in each of the Gospels and one in Acts. Read them in your Bible and on page 94.
- b. Which is the most helpful to you?

4. Matthew 28:16-20 (read aloud to the class <bottom left of page 124>):

- a. If you had been one of the disciples on that hillside what would have thought?
- b. Do you ever struggle with your confidence that Jesus is the final authority?
- c. How do you resolve that with living out your faith?

5. The Great Commission Plan:

- a. No "go", no "lo"!
- b. GO MAKE BAPTIZE TEACH

(1) Go where?

(2) Make what?

(3) Baptize how?

(4) Teach what?

c. The “presence promise” (And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.)

6. Moving On:

a. Review what we have covered this week.

b. Assignments for Next Week

(1). Reading Assignment:

(a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 130-136 underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.

(b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.

c. Action Assignment:

(1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 128.

7. Closing Prayer:

8. Closing Word: “See you on the path!”