



Scripture

14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. **15** And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. **16** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs. (Mark 16:14-20 ESV)

Outline

Key Question: Why do we hesitate and keep the gospel to ourselves only?

Big Idea: Our mission in life is to proclaim the good news of Jesus in our words and deeds

Point 1. Failing to live on mission with God is failure to believe in him (v14)

Point 2. Jesus supernaturally equips us to live successfully on mission (vv15-18)

Point 3. Jesus uses our faithfulness to validate the good news (vv19-20)

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What is the riskiest thing that you have ever done because of your faith?

Point 1: Failing to live on mission with God is failure to believe in him (vv14)

- Why do you think Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart?
- How does unbelief keep us from living on mission with God?
- What are some practical steps we can take to grow in faith so that we are more engaged in God's mission?

Point 2: Jesus supernaturally equips us to live successfully on mission (vv15-18)

- Jesus commands his followers to “*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel.*” What does this look like in our everyday lives?
- What does this passage teach us about the power and authority Jesus gives us while we live on mission?
- What are some fears and obstacles that keep us from stepping out in faith? How does Jesus promise of equipping help us overcome them?

Point 3: Jesus uses our faithfulness to validate the good news (vv19-20)

- How does the disciples' obedience in verse 20 demonstrate their transformation from doubt to faith?
- What is one step you can take this week to live more fully on mission, trusting in Jesus' power and presence?

Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.