

# 4 Ministries: Send

We can help followers of Jesus minister to others

## Group Discussion Flow

### connect with needs

- ▶ Find out how they are doing. Ask also how their **action to take** and **person to tell** went last week.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- ▶ Start by stating: *"It can be rewarding to be involved in ministering to people."*  
Then, surface experiences:  
*"Let me tell you how I have experienced this."*  
*"Tell us how you have experienced this."*
- ▶ Transition to the Bible by saying, *"Most often God uses Christians to motivate and equip other Christians to become involved in ministry."*

#### notes and preparation checklist

##### pray

- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray for group members.

##### connect

- Think of a good personal example to share.
- Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear**.

### hear what God says

- ▶ Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.  
Choices:  
**Luke 10:1–20 (story)**  
**Acts 11:19–26 (story)**  
**2 Timothy 2:2**  
Two of these passages may be enough to cover in one session.  
Commentary:  
**Luke 10:1–2** — During the time of Jesus' ministry, He spread more of His message by sending people into different areas. In these verses, Jesus sent over seventy people to go before him into different towns to share the gospel.  
**Acts 11:19–26** — Followers of Christ were scattered by persecution, and this helped spread the gospel. Barnabas, an apostle of Jesus Christ, visited the church in Antioch and was encouraged by

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##### hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- Luke 10:1–2**  
*How would you describe the process Jesus used to minister? (Involving/sending people.)*
- Acts 11:19–26**
  1. *What seemed to motivate the church at Jerusalem to send Barnabas to Antioch?*
  2. *What were the things that apparently motivated Barnabas to travel some distance to ask for Saul's help?*

Note: Draw the conclusion from both passages that it is normal for additional

their growth. He then sought out Paul, and together they taught great numbers of people. This story illustrates how Barnabas influenced Paul to become involved in ministry.  
**2 Timothy 2:2** — This is a picture of spiritual multiplication. Our responsibility is to share with others what we are learning and they, in turn, pass it on.

- ▶ Discuss each passage using the following questions, or the alternate questions below:

*What do you think this passage teaches us?*

*What can we learn about God or our response to God?*

*How do you think this passage relates to the statement we discussed earlier: "It can be rewarding to be involved in ministering to people"?*

- people to become involved in ministry as the needs and opportunities arise.
- 2 Timothy 2:2**
  1. *How would you describe the process going on here?*
  2. *What words might describe Paul and Timothy's thoughts and feelings as they saw spiritual multiplication unfold?*

Note: Clearly Christ intends for His followers to involve others in ministry.

### apply that to life

- ▶ State the main lesson: *"We can help followers of Jesus minister to others."* Have them write the **lesson learned** on their Mini-Journal card.
- ▶ Discuss:  
*What are some things that keep people from becoming involved in ministering to others?*  
*What is one action you can take this week to encourage a Christian to minister to others?*
- ▶ Have them write down their specific **action to take**. Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

#### notes and preparation checklist

##### apply

- Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply**.
- Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- Print [Send Mini Journal](#).

### tell someone they know

- ▶ Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- ▶ Have them write the name after **person to tell**. Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- ▶ Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.
- ▶ Tell them how they will be helped by the next four sessions. See the [Dashboard, "4 Facts"](#).

#### notes and preparation checklist

##### tell

- Encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- Look for group members who **tell** easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.