

# Water of Life Community Church

## LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER

### SESSION SEVEN: SHARE

LUKE 4:42-43; MATTHEW 6:33; MATTHEW 24:14

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## ICE BREAKER

## OPEN IN PRAYER

## WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

If we look through the Gospels, it becomes clear that Jesus was passionate about expanding the kingdom of God so that all people could know the saving power of the Father. We'll think about that passion together in this session. We'll learn that we share in God's mission out of the overflow of our relationship with Him.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WATCH THE VIDEO, "SESSION 7: SHARE— THE MISSION IS BIG".

2. READ LUKE 4:42-43.

- a. How closely does your heart reflect Jesus' in these verses? How often do you feel like you must be about God's work in the world?
- b. How have we made missions another church program instead of the passion of Jesus' life?
- c. How does making missions a program of the church make the calling to be a witness seem optional?

As you follow Jesus, what is on His heart will be on your heart. As you invest in your relationship with Him, you'll care about the world. Jesus was concerned about the expanse of His kingdom—His sovereign activity in the world resulting in people being in right relationship with Him.

3. READ MATTHEW 6:33 AND MATTHEW 24:14.

- a. What is the kingdom, and what does it look like to see it first in our lives? Who do you know that models this well?
- b. How does the expanse of the kingdom of God tie to our mission to the nations?

The kingdom is continually expanding as the mission goes forward. God is at work all over the world, and He brought us into a relationship to join Him in that work. We accept the invitation and allow Him to work through us. We all bear the responsibility to share in God's mission locally and globally.

c. Vance said one of the greatest tools of the devil is the self-centeredness of God's people. How does being self-centered rob our passion for mission?

d. Where have you prioritized your own kingdom above Jesus'?

e. The church shares in the mission of Jesus together. What are a few ways we can encourage one another to be involved in God's mission locally and globally?

The apathy and disinterest of Christians is the greatest obstacle to the kingdom expanding. In order for the kingdom to expand, we must overcome our own selfishness. As we saw in earlier sessions, we become less selfish the more that we invest in a love relationship with the Father. Jesus was tempted like we are, this likely includes a temptation towards apathy, but the Scriptures continually show Jesus stealing away to be alone with the Father. This fueled His desire to expand God's kingdom.

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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## MEMORY VERSE

Luke 4:43 New International Version (NIV)

"But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.'"

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## NOTES