

BELONG FACILITATOR GUIDE WEEK 3: ON MISSION TOGETHER

Session Overview

This session focuses on the Church's call to live on mission, both individually and collectively. We'll unpack God's love for the world, the Great Commission, and how to engage in our spheres of influence, as well as explore Kingdom Come and global partnerships. It is primarily video based. The class is led by a facilitator and includes table discussion and independent reflection. There is a workbook used during and outside of class for this content.

Introduction (10 minutes)

Start with a warm welcome (2 minutes)

- Introduce yourself and set the tone:
 - "Welcome to Week 3 of Belong! I'm so glad each of you is here today. This class is designed to help us continue growing in our faith and to get connected to the church body. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with God for years, there's something here for everyone, and there's a place here for everyone."
 - "Over these weeks, we're focusing on what it means to belong to this local church body. We started off by exploring who we are as a church and then last week we discussed your role within the church. Today we'll dive into what it means to live on mission together."
- Ask participants to introduce themselves:
 - "Before we jump in, let's take a moment to introduce ourselves. Share your name, and as we're doing this, I'll also take attendance in our group."

Set Expectations for the Class (1 minute)

- "This is a safe space to ask questions, share insights, and learn together. There's no pressure to have all the answers—we're all here to grow."
- "Each week, we'll watch a video, reflect on the teaching, and engage in discussion and activities. The goal is to take what we learn and apply it to our lives."

Introduction to the Workbook (1 minute)

- Explain the purpose:
 - "The workbook is your companion for this class. It includes teaching summaries, reflection prompts, and daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts for you to engage with during the week. It also has space for journaling your thoughts."
- Walk them through the structure:
 - "The workbook follows a weekly rhythm: opening discussion, teaching notes (and a place for you to take notes), a clear next step, and practice and reflection. Each section builds on the last, so I encourage you to engage with it throughout the week."

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

- Get to know one another:
 - “Before we begin, let’s take a moment to connect with each other. Share your name and answer some of these questions as you feel comfortable. These questions can be found on page ** of your workbook.”
 - *What did you learn last week? What has God been teaching you throughout these past few weeks?*
 - *When you hear the word mission, what comes to mind? How do you think it applies to your everyday life?*
 - *Have you ever had a conversation about faith with someone who doesn’t believe in Jesus? What was that experience like?*

Introduction to the Video (1 minutes)

- Set the stage for the teaching:
 - “As I mentioned before, today’s video is all about living on mission. We’ll explore how to be intentional in sharing Christ’s love with those around us, how to share the gospel, and will discuss ways that we live on mission as a church. As you watch, I encourage you to take notes in your workbook.”
- Provide a brief transition:
 - “Let’s turn our attention to the screen now. We’ll kick off discussing God’s love for the world.”

Teaching

PLAY VIDEO

Section 1: God’s love for the world

God’s mission is rooted in His profound love for the world, which serves as the foundation of the Gospel and the Church’s calling. His love is universal, unconditional, and sacrificial, crossing all boundaries to bring salvation through Jesus Christ. The Great Commission reflects God’s desire for all people to know Him, calling believers to actively participate in His redemptive work locally, nationally, and globally.

Key Points

- God’s love spans all cultures, races, and nations, culminating in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Genesis 12:3)
- Believers should be compelled to share God’s love, as emphasized in 1 John 4:19 and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
- The Chapel focuses on ensuring repeated opportunities to share the Gospel locally and beyond.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video, and facilitate discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. The discussion question can be found on page ****** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *Read Revelation 7:9. This verse presents a vision of a diverse multitude worshiping God. How does this inspire your role in participating in God's mission, both locally and globally?*

Section 2: The Great Commission

The Great Commission is central to the mission of every believer and church, as Jesus calls His followers to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey His commands (Matthew 28:19-20). This commission will involve intentional action, relationship with others, discipleship, faithful teaching, and empowering believers to live as Christ's ambassadors in their communities and beyond. Through the promise of Jesus' presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Great Commission becomes both a privilege and a responsibility for ALL believers.

Key Points

- "Go": The call to action involves intentional engagement in our current contexts and readiness to reach people globally as God leads.
- "Make Disciples": Discipleship is fostering faith growth and guiding others to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers. This will often include a relational component to it.
- "Baptize": Baptism symbolizes unity with Christ and publicly identifies believers with the Church.
- "Teach": Teaching equips believers to know and live out God's Word in every area of life.
- The Holy Spirit equips and empowers believers to fulfill this mission with boldness and faith.
- Practical Steps: Pray for opportunities, build relationships, share personal testimonies, and partner with the Church's ministries locally and globally.

Section 3: Sphere of Influence

This section focuses on living on mission within your "sphere of influence," which includes the people you regularly interact with in your family, neighborhood, workplace, or community. It emphasizes that God has placed you in these relationships for a purpose—to reflect Christ and share the Gospel.

Key points

- Identifying Your Sphere of Influence: Think of 3-5 people in your life who don't know Jesus and recognize your unique role in their lives.
- Prayer as the Foundation: Pray for open hearts, opportunities, boldness, and transformation for those in your sphere of influence.
- Engagement Through Relationships: Build authentic relationships by being present, showing kindness, living authentically, and being genuinely curious about others.

- Sharing the Gospel: Be prepared to explain the Gospel clearly, share your personal story, use Scripture, and invite a response while trusting the Holy Spirit to work.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. First, encourage participants to make a list of 3-5 people in each category. They can also create their own categories as needed. Give approximately 2-3 minutes for this part of the activity. After a few minutes, encourage them to choose 3-5 people across all of these lists to be prayerfully intentional with over the next few weeks. Encourage discussion at their table about ways they can be intentional in letting God use them in their sphere of influence. Give another 3-5 minutes for discussion. After discussion, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE EXERCISE

Who are some people in your life that don't know Jesus? Make a list. Use these starting categories to help you make your list:

Family

Friends

Neighborhood

Work

Recreational Activities

Review the lists you've created. Choose 3-5 people who you can be intentional with. How might God use you to show His love to them?

Section 4: Sharing the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel is a vital part of living out our faith, as it invites others to experience God's transformative love. While sharing can feel intimidating, understanding the Gospel makes it approachable. The Gospel can be summarized in four key points:

1. **God's Design:** We were created for a perfect relationship with God, others, and creation.
2. **Brokenness:** Sin disrupted this relationship, separating us from God.
3. **Jesus' Rescue Mission:** Jesus died and rose again to restore our relationship with God.
4. **Response:** We respond by repenting, placing our faith in Jesus, and following Him as Lord.

An easy way to remember and share the Gospel is the acronym GOSPEL:

- **G:** God created us to be in a relationship with Him.
- **O:** Our sin separates us from God.
- **S:** Sin can't be erased by good deeds.
- **P:** Jesus paid the price for our sin through His death and resurrection.
- **E:** Everyone who believes and confesses Jesus as Lord
- **L:** will live with God forever.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. First, encourage participants to complete step 1 on their own - they should take about a minute and summarize the gospel in their own words. After about one minute, encourage them to work as a group to complete step 2 - matching verses with the corresponding point of the gospel. Give about 5-8 minutes for this part of the activity. After about 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. This exercise should take about 5-10 minutes, and can be found on page ** of the workbook.

EXERCISE: REVIEW THE GOSPEL STORY

Step 1: Summarize the gospel in your own words.

Step 2: Match the Verses

Match the Bible verse to the corresponding point of the Gospel

Gospel Points	Scripture
Creation & God's design	
Brokenness	
Jesus' Rescue Mission	
New Creation	
Response	

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31, Deuteronomy 6:4, Genesis 3:6-7, Romans 3:19, Matthew 25:30, John 3:16, Romans 2:21-25, Romans 8:35, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Romans 12:17-21, John 14:3, Revelation 21:1-7, John 10:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-10

Sharing the Gospel is one of the most meaningful ways to live out our faith, and it doesn't have to be complicated. Here are practical steps to help you confidently share the good news:

- 1. Start with Prayer**
Pray for the person you're sharing with, asking God to open their heart and guide your words. Remember, it's God who saves, not us.
- 2. Build a Relationship**
Invest in meaningful relationships by listening to their story, valuing their perspective, and earning their trust.
- 3. Share Your Story**
Share your personal testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life, focusing on:
 - Your life before Christ.

- Your moment of realizing your need for a Savior.
 - How Jesus has changed your life since surrendering to Him.
 - *Incorporate Scripture to center your story on Jesus and His work in your life.*
4. **Be Intentional**
- Transition conversations to spiritual topics by asking thoughtful questions, such as:
- What's your spiritual background?
 - Who is Jesus to you?
 - Have you thought about your relationship with God?
 - *Listen carefully to their responses to foster meaningful dialogue.*
5. **Share Scripture**
- Use clear, impactful Bible verses to explain the Gospel, like John 14:6 or 2 Corinthians 5:15. If the opportunity arises, invite them to read Scripture aloud and reflect on it together.
6. **Keep It Simple**
- Avoid confusing church jargon and explain the Gospel in accessible language. When appropriate, invite them to accept Jesus as their Savior, guiding them in prayer and celebrating their step of faith.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and facilitate this exercise. Participants should split into groups of 2 and practice sharing the gospel. Encourage them to give each other feedback. Allow for about 8-10 minutes for this activity. After about 8-10 minutes, pull the group back together and continue the video. This exercise can be found on page ** of the workbook.

EXERCISE: SHARE THE GOSPEL

Pair up and practice sharing the gospel. Use the GOSPEL acronym, or another framework that will help you share key points of the gospel. Try sharing the gospel in 2-3 minutes. The "listener" should ask simple follow up questions as needed. For example, ask, "What do you mean by grace?" or "How do I respond to this message?" Once you've practiced, switch roles.

Provide feedback to each other.

- Was the explanation clear?
- Did it feel conversational or rehearsed?
- Was Scripture referenced effectively?
- How did the Gospel feel relevant to the scenario?

Section 5: Partnerships

The mission of the Church is far greater than any one person or organization can achieve alone, which is why partnerships are vital. At The Chapel, through Kingdom Come, we collaborate with like-minded churches and ministries locally, nationally, and globally to advance the Gospel. These partnerships

combine resources, expertise, and reach to provide practical care and spiritual hope, reflecting the unity and shared purpose of the body of Christ.

Key Points:

- Partnerships reflect the shared mission of the Church, allowing us to do more together than we could individually (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).
- Kingdom Come is a “by faith” initiative that supports ministries locally, nationally, and internationally, helping to meet needs and spread the Gospel with geographic intentionality.
- Your Role in Kingdom Come:
 - Pray: Commit to praying for our partners and their ministries.
 - Give: Financially support Kingdom Come to enable its initiatives.
 - Serve: Volunteer locally or through mission trips.
 - Advocate: Share the mission and encourage others to get involved.
- Geographic Intentionality and Gospel Saturation ensure we are providing repeated opportunities for every person to encounter the Gospel and see it lived out.
- By engaging in partnerships and Kingdom Come, we unite as workers in God’s harvest field, fulfilling His call to bring hope and transformation to the world.

FACILITATOR NOTE: Pause the video and encourage discussion. This discussion should be about 5 minutes. If needed, this activity can be skipped, and you can encourage participants to browse the website and reflect on the prompts on their own this week. After 5 minutes, pull the group back together, and continue the video. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *Take a few moments and visit <https://www.kingdomcomewny.com/>. What stands out to you about our local, national, and international partnerships?*
- *Which of these initiatives resonates with you? How might you personally get involved through prayer, giving, serving, or advocating?*

FACILITATOR NOTE: At the end of the video, if time allows, encourage discussion of these questions for about 5 minutes. If not, encourage participants to reflect on these questions this week. These discussion questions can be found on page ** of the workbook.

DISCUSS

- *What is one practical way you can live missionally in your sphere of influence this week?*
- *How can you engage more deeply with Kingdom Come—whether through prayer, giving, or serving?*
- *Who is one person in your life that you can pray for and intentionally connect with this week?*

Wrap up (5 minutes)

Response Form

- “Before we close, I want to encourage you to fill out the response form. It’s a great way for us to stay connected and for you to share any questions, insights, or prayer requests you have after today’s session.”
 - *It can be found in your workbook via QR code. The link is thechapel.com/belongthree*
- “Please fill it out now! It should only take a minute or two!”

Church Center App

- “If you haven’t already, I encourage you to download the Church Center app. It’s a helpful tool for staying updated with what’s happening at our church, connecting to groups and events, and managing your involvement.”
 - If you need help downloading the App, I’m happy to help you!
- “It’s a great way to stay plugged in, and I’d love for you to explore it this week! You will also have access to Belong resources and our Belong group via this app.”

Practice and Reflection Section

- “As we go into the week, I encourage you to spend time in the *Practice & Reflection* section of your workbook. This includes Daily Scripture readings and prayer prompts to help you grow closer to God.”

Next Step

- “Turn to page ** of your workbook. We are encouraging you to take a next step this week - consider membership at The Chapel and complete the member interest form.
- Thank you so much for walking through Belong. I encourage you to continue the journey of pursuing gospel-centered community and taking your step to serve. In addition, your next step is to prayerfully become a member.
- “Turn to page ** of your workbook, and you can find the member interest form. Complete this form, and we will help you take your next step in pursuing membership at The Chapel.”
- “Thank you so much for joining us for Belong. It’s been an honor to walk through this content alongside you.”
- Close in prayer

Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

Our desire is to continuously help you pursue spiritual transformation - we want to help you grow in Christlikeness.

Are you ready to become a member at The Chapel? Complete the [Membership Interest Form](#).



<https://thechapel.com/membershipinterest>

Practice & Reflection

This week, take some time to practice what you've learned and to spend time in reflection.

Daily Reading & Prayer Plan

Each day includes a short passage from Scripture, a reflection question to help engage with the text, and prayer prompt. As you prepare to engage the Scripture daily, consider the following steps:

1. Read - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
2. Observe - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What's happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
3. Apply - Consider how you should respond to what you've read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that's helpful
4. Pray - thank God for what He's shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.

Day 1: Ephesians 1:1-14

- *Reflection Question:* God's plan of adoption was set before the foundation of the world. His grace, lavished on us through Christ, is the foundation of our adoption as His children.
- *Prayer:* Thank you, Father, for choosing me before time began. Help me to understand the depth of Your love and grace that led to my adoption as Your child.

Day 2: Romans 8:1-17

- *Reflection Question:* Our adoption comes through Christ's sacrifice and the work of the Holy Spirit. As children of God, we are heirs with Christ and share in His glory.
- *Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for making my adoption possible through Your sacrifice. I am grateful for the Holy Spirit, who assures me of my sonship. Help me live as a co-heir with Christ.

Day 3: Galatians 4:1-7

- *Reflection Question:* Through Christ, we are no longer slaves but sons and daughters of God. The Spirit of God assures us of our adoption, giving us the confidence to call God, "Abba, Father."
- *Prayer:* Holy Spirit, thank You for confirming my identity as God's child. May I always have the boldness to approach my Father with confidence and affection.

Day 4: 1 John 3:1-12

- *Reflection Question:* As adopted children of God, we are called to live as His children, displaying love and purity. Our new identity is a reflection of God's great love for us.
- *Prayer:* Thank You, Father, for the privilege of being called Your child. Help me live in a way that reflects Your love and purity, showing the world who I am in You.

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

- *Reflection Question:* Being adopted into God's family means that we are a new creation in Christ. We are ambassadors for Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with others.
- *Prayer:* Jesus, thank You for making me a new creation. Help me to live as an ambassador for You, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world.

Day 6: Colossians 3:1-17

- *Reflection Question:* As God's children, we are called to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Our new identity in Christ requires a transformed way of living.
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to live according to my new identity in Christ. Help me to clothe myself with the virtues that reflect who I am as Your child, living in a way that honors You.

Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

- *Reflection Question:* Our adoption into God's family comes with a commission to share the message of reconciliation with the world. We are called to invite others into God's family through the gospel.
- *Prayer:* Father, thank You for entrusting me with the message of reconciliation. Help me to share the good news of adoption with others and invite them into Your family.