



## **TAG (Part 1) - "The Depth of Reach"**

### **Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### **John 20:21 NIV**

21 Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

### **2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV**

18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate a the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### **Romans 8:28-29 NIV**

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

### **Matthew 9:36-38 NIV**

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

### **Key Points**

- The goal of the Christian life is to be fully formed into the image of Jesus.
- We steward the integrity of His image and the influence of His love.
- Our mission is to reach people and help them walk with God.
- Discipleship involves becoming like Jesus.
- It is not the things we do that prove we are His disciples, but the people we become.
- Reach requires formation.
- Our effectiveness is a result of our willingness to participate and connect.
- Our reach is a function of who and what we are willing to care about. It is the expression of God's love through the extension of ourselves.
- We don't automatically care about the things we should care about.

## **READ**

Open your time together by reading the Scripture passages on Page 1.

- Read Matthew 28:18-20 and John 20:21. How do you understand the concept of being "sent" by Jesus? What might this look like in your life?
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:18: What role does the Holy Spirit play in our transformation into the image of Christ? How can we be more open to the Spirit's work in our lives?
- Read Romans 8:28-29: How do these verses help us understand God's purpose for our lives? What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Jesus?
- Read Matthew 9:36-38: Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were harassed and helpless. How can we develop a heart of compassion like Jesus for those around us who are struggling?

## **REFLECT**

- Reflect on a time when you extended yourself to care for someone. How did this experience help you understand God's love better?
- Discuss how our reach is influenced by who and what we care about. How can we expand our capacity to care for others?
- Our identity as disciples is more about who we become rather than what we do. How does this perspective change your approach to your faith journey?

## **RESPOND**

- What issues or causes weigh heavily on your heart, and why do you feel a burden for them? What would redemption look like in these areas and what part might you play in it?
- In what ways are you actively nurturing compassion in your daily interactions and relationships?
- How do you think Jesus influences the things you care about and prioritize in your life?

## **PRAY**

Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests collectively or by breaking into prayer partners.