



Really. Big. Deal.

Part 1 – Introduce Study Guide

We all have values, or things, that are really important in our lives. It could be anything from sports to work to politics. At The Cove, we have something that's a really big deal to us—our Mission Statement. At The Cove Church, we will introduce our friends to Jesus, learn to follow Him, and celebrate His presence in our lives. This week, we are focusing on the first part of our mission statement, which is all about introducing our friends to Jesus. It all starts there and that's a Really. Big. Deal.

1. What are some things you would consider as “really big deals” in your life? How does it affect the way you live your life?

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – Acts 1:8b (ESV)

2. **Read Acts 1:6-9.** Our mission as Jesus followers isn't to try to figure out the future, but to help others get ready for it. What were the disciples witnesses to? In what ways do you consider yourself a witness for Christ?
3. **Read Romans 10:1 and 2 Timothy 1:3-4.** There's a difference between praying ABOUT someone and praying FOR someone. How desperately have you prayed for someone's salvation? How have you seen the power of prayer work?

“even as the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:28 (ESV)

4. **Read Matthew 5:13-16 and Matthew 20:28.** Our light shines brightest when we care about and serve others. Why is it important to understand why we do good works? How are you currently serving and caring for the people around you, especially non-Christians?

5. **Read Colossians 4:3-6.** We wait for opportunities, and then we make the most of them. How are these verses helpful in gaining insight to sharing our faith at the right time, and in the right way? Have you ever jumped the gun in sharing your faith too soon, or waited too long?

6. Think about your current opportunities with your relationships. What really big opportunities do you have this week to introduce a friend to Jesus? Where will you start, or what next steps do you need to take?