

Youth Discussion Guide

Essential: Purpose With a Mission | For the week of May 17 - 23, 2020

Watch our Fresh Word Friday on our Instagram page [@pearlsideyouth](#) for context of today's discussion.

Main Thought:

When someone buys a fishing pole and drives to a beach or pier, that person is there for one thing: to catch fish. Of course that person is there to enjoy the outdoors, make memories, and catch some sunshine, but he or she is on a mission to catch fish. That person has a tool with the purpose to catch fish. As Christians, we have received "tools" to make disciples. These "tools" are the lessons and values that Jesus taught, but most importantly the way our sins are forgiven. We learn them for ourselves so that we can teach others and share the way a person is able to be forgiven for their mistakes (sins). We don't follow Jesus only to be forgiven or have peaceful lives for ourselves, but to help others have that as well.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* This isn't a suggestion, but a command to those who believe in Him. As religious as it sounds, what does it mean to make disciples? It means to care and sacrifice for people, being in relationship with them, and teaching them what Jesus taught. Making disciples is helping others be like Jesus. It's the least religious and most caring thing we can do for someone. Let's go and make disciples!

Discussion Questions:

- What happens when you don't use a tool for its true purpose? After answering watch this short clip as an example:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCrn-VJmpgE>.
- Do you know what it really means to be a disciple? If not, who is someone you can go to and help you learn how to be a disciple?
- The disciples that Jesus made were a constant work in progress; they continued to learn as they went and made disciples. Who is someone that you can help become a disciple?

An easy way to remember what discipleship is: ask yourself and those you are discipling, "What is my next step of obedience for God?"