



Where is God on Monday?

Bottom Line: If God is not God on Monday, God is not God on Sunday, either.

Key Scripture: Matthew 10

A Note To Group Leaders:

Keep in mind the goal of every meeting is to create meaningful conversation and connection. Feel free to choose a few questions for discussion and adjust questions as needed.

The Setup

The idea that the eternal God of the universe desires to spend quality time with us on a daily basis is one aspect of faith unique to Christianity. But why does it feel like Sunday is the only day we're able to be close to God? In this study, you will look into ways to accomplish Christ's mission for your life and walk with God every day.

Thought Starters

When was the last time you went all out for something? What were the circumstances and how did it feel? What was the result?

What obstacles exist for bringing God out of the church building and into our everyday life? Why do these exist? Can a person overcome them?

Questions For Reflection

Walking with God on a daily basis begins with reading and understanding His Word. In Matthew, Chapter 10, Matthew lays out Jesus' instructions to the twelve Apostles as they first go into the world in His name. Our instructions as Christ-follower, and our need to trust in the Lord to continue carrying out His mission in our time are very similar.

As you begin this part, read to yourself straight through Matthew Chapter 10. As you read, make notes around the four questions below. Feel free to underline or highlight areas in your Bible to help you get the most out of what you are reading.

What do you learn about God, yourself and others?

What are you being invited to do?

How do these verses challenge you to become like Christ on a daily basis?

What do you struggle to understand or embrace?

Review your responses with your group or a trusted friend. Where are there similarities? Differences? What new perspective do you have on God's role in your daily life as well as your role for Him in your daily life?

Application In Your Life

The following are four life application points from within Matthew 10 that can help in growing your fellowship and daily walk with God. Use the spaces provided to write out your thoughts.

<p>Stop Compartmentalizing God</p>	<p><i>"Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep."</i> Matthew 10:9-10 (NIV)</p>	<p>I tend to compartmentalize God by...</p>	<p>I can stop compartmentalizing God by...</p>
<p>Stop Being Too Careful</p>	<p><i>"So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."</i> Matthew 10:26-28 (NIV)</p>	<p>Ways I can be too careful in my faith are...</p>	<p>Ways I can trust God more and live more freely in Him are...</p>
<p>Stop Living For Your Own Comfort</p>	<p><i>"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'"</i> Matthew 10:34-36 (NIV)</p>	<p>I have become too comfortable in my faith by...</p>	<p>With God's help, I can step out in faith by...</p>
<p>Start Living Like You're Called</p>	<p><i>"...and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."</i> Matthew 10:38-39 (NIV)</p>	<p>I currently live like I am called to follow Jesus by...</p>	<p>Ways I can start living like I am called to follow Jesus are...</p>