

HOW TO ECHO | WEEK 5

🕐 ICE BREAKER

Share briefly about a time when you (or one of your children) got lost.



Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

- Pastor Andy said, "The Great Commission requires a great commitment from you and me to spread the good news to the ends of the earth. God's A+ plan for reaching the world is you!" How do you feel when you hear that YOU are God's Plan A for others knowing Him? Does this make you feel:
 - a) excited c) motivated
 - b) nervous d) other?
- 2. Who was the last person you shared God's love with, and how?



Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'"



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

- 1. How have you felt confused or helpless lately? What is one word that describes how you have been feeling during the COVID lockdown?
- 2. What goes through your mind when you hear that Jesus has compassion for the crowds of people? Do you feel his compassion for you when you are struggling? How?
- 3. Do you know who prayed for you long before you gave your life to follow Jesus? Who? Who are you praying for now that may one day share the good news with many others?
- 4. How do you feel about being part of a church that says "If you know someone who is in need, let us know so we can help"? Are you willing to be a part of that help to others? (see <u>echocompassion.com</u>)
- 5. What commitment(s) will you make today to be part of God's plan A?

1. Choose faith

"Faith isn't denying the reality of your circumstances; faith is denying these circumstances the right to remain in control of your life." Dutch Sheets

• To let faith, not circumstances, control your life.

2. Pray Boldly

- To pray boldly for the people you see as you go through your day
- To pray intentionally for people you know and care about who need Jesus
- 1. To be a part of the September Prayer Initiative

3. Invest & Invite

• To pray for an opportunity to invest in, and then invite, one friend who needs to know the love of God.



Share prayer requests and pray

God it's our privilege to be a part of your plan to save the world! Thank you for choosing us and using us. It's not easy for us Father, so we need your help to know who to talk to and what to say. Thank you for the compassion you have for us when we are confused and helpless. Please give us your heart of compassion for others, and help us to see them with your eyes. We choose today to see our circumstances through the lens of faith, to pray boldly for people, and to invest in and invite those you put in our path. All for you Jesus, Amen.