

# LIFEgroups

## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...  
Which sport interests you most?  
What do you like about participating?

## DIG

**Read Matthew 9:35-38**

In these verses we glimpse Jesus's heart.

Why did he proclaim the Good News of the kingdom and heal the people?  
Why did he long for workers to send out into the harvest field?

**Read Matthew 10:26-29**

Jesus told his disciples they would pay an unimaginable price for joining him in his mission. Yet he went on to describe the fearless lives they would live.

What did he say about the way they would think and act and speak?  
What simple reason did he give them for not needing live in fear?

## APPLY

In what ways do you show compassion?  
How does your compassion show up for those who do not know the Good News of the kingdom of God?

Have you spoken to someone about the Good News of Jesus? Tell about it.  
What helped you not be too afraid to speak?

Memorize Mathew 9:36.

***"When he saw the crowds,  
Jesus had compassion on them,  
because they were harassed and helpless,  
like sheep without a shepherd."***

This week, when you hear of or encounter someone speaking or acting as if they don't know Jesus or his Good News, repeat the verse. Notice whether it affects your feeling about the person, your reaction to him or her.

Ask someone to pray for all group members to become more like Jesus in the way they see people.

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## Leaders

### Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series from the Gospel of Matthew. This series focuses on Matthew's message of establishing that Jesus is King over all.

### Big Idea

This lesson focuses on proclaiming to our neighbors, our family members, and our world the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

### Group Discussion Reminder

Groups enjoy deeper conversation when there is a blend of discussion about the lesson and also about personal needs.

Be sure to give opportunity for each person to answer the "apply" questions if he or she is willing. One way to do this is to go around the room and let every single person either answer or politely pass to the next person.

Also, encourage people to give prayer requests. Praying for one another is a great way to strengthen relationships.