



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: SILVER LININGS

TITLE: MISSION

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:19-23; ACTS 1:8; ACTS 5:12-16

## One Thing Follow-up:

Jesus is our champion. Where Adam, Moses, and Peter failed, Jesus succeeded. When we fail, we have a champion that took our place and through faith we succeed.

Jesus is our model. Jesus used the Spiritual disciplines of reading Scripture, prayer, and fasting as model of how we should seek holiness.

Q. How do these truths affect your week?

## Opening

We've probably heard the saying "Every cloud has a silver lining." It means every difficult situation or setback contains potential for a good outcome. By searching for positives in difficult or confusing circumstances, we not only begin to experience more peace, we gain the ability to solve any parts of the problem within our control and accept the parts beyond our control.

## Series Review

We are continuing the Silver Linings series this week that will challenge us to find the silver linings during difficult situations or setbacks. The Scripture this week will help us to rediscover the church's mission.

## Review the Message

We will revisit some verses from Easter in the Gospel of John and then read Acts to see how Jesus started the mission for the disciples and the church.

### Read John 20:19-23

Jesus empowered the disciples with the Holy Spirit.

Q. How has the Holy Spirit empowered your Christian life?

Q. How has the recent events changed how you view the mission of the church?

We are seeing a realigning of the role of the church and the role that we will play in what God is doing in the world.

### **Read Acts 1:8**

Q. How have you been impacted by Jesus' final words?

It took persecution to force the early church to follow these final words.

Q. When have you been forced out of your comfort zone to follow Jesus' commands?

Often adjusting to the unfamiliar requires more than we are prepared to give. But it's in the stretching, that act of faith, we discover the Holy Spirit's power.

### **Read Acts 5:12-14**

Q. How do individuals impact the reputation of the church? How do you see yourself making an impact?

Q. Where do you feel the location of the church needs to be most prevalent?

### **Read Acts 5:42**

Q. As we consider all that Christ has done for us, do you feel moved to help others? Why or why not?

Q. Do you feel sent and what does that mean in your life?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

There are 4 things you can do to be on mission for Jesus.

**SEEK** – seek out the people that God has placed in your life.

Q. Who might that be?

**ENCOURAGE** – one of the best ways to encourage others is by carrying yourself as if you really believe Jesus has won the battle. By living like the resurrection is true all the time and not just Easter Sunday.

Q. Are there practical actions you can take this week to encourage someone?

**NOTICE** – find simple ways to be a blessing to others by looking for cues of what a person may need.

**TELL** – tell them your story.



Q. Have you taken time to think through your conversion story? Can you discuss the way Christ has changed your life?

**Living It Out  
Application**

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it?

Q. How can we help you?

**Prayer:**

Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?