

ROOTS

REDEMPTIVE MISSION

Pastor E. Paul Allen – October 23, 2016

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20 then pray.
2. As a Christ-follower grows in his or her relationship with Jesus, there are distinguishing characteristics that develop: **Worship | Connect | Serve | Give | Invite**
 - **Invite:** *Through the power of Christ in us, we live an inviting life. Wherever we are, we realize that every human being matters to God, and we look for ways to invite people in our spheres of influence into relationship with Him.*
 - Share about how you were invited to TC, or into a relationship with Jesus if you are an online viewer.
3. Discuss the following: **P.R.A.Y.**
 - a. **P** - Pray. Before you talk to people about God, talk to God about people.
 - Read Matthew 28:19a ESV and John 3:16 ESV and discuss the above statement.
 - Discuss this statement, "It's not about changing people from the outside in...it's about the One who has changed us from the inside out."
 - b. **R** - Realize the inherent worth of every person.
 - Read Hebrews 2:9 ESV and discuss the above statement.
 - Are there people that are in your sphere of influence that you ignore because they're different than you? Pray that God would help you to see that person through His eyes of love.
 - c. **A** – Anchor yourself in Christ.
 - Read Matthew 28:18 ESV and John 15:5 ESV and discuss the above statement.
 - What are the implications of Matthew 28:18?
 - Discuss the differences between anchoring yourself in Christ vs. anchoring yourself in what you do.
 - d. **Y** - Yield to the Holy Spirit. Share the gospel and invite when the Spirit tells you.
 - Read Matthew 28:20b ESV & Galatians 2:20 ESV and discuss the above statement.

Soul-tattoo: By the Spirit's enabling power, live a life on mission and invite others to experience God's upward, inward, outward love.

- Encourage everyone in the group to write down the first name of one person that they would like to pray about inviting to TC (if you're an online viewer, write down the name of one person that you'd like to pray about sharing the love of Christ with).
- Practice saying this prayer this week, "God, as You live through me today...lead me to the people that You want me to love with Your love today."