

Study Guide

Vision Sunday

1. Discuss what it means to have a missional mindset.

See 2 Cor. 5:14; Mark 16:15; Acts 20:24.

2. Briefly share your journey of coming to know Christ, what made it plausible (true), desirable (attractive) and tangible (real) to you.

3. Read 1 Cor. 2:2 and share how the life of Christ can have an impact when you read about it in the Gospels. What does Jesus offer? How can you bring discussions back to Jesus?

4. Spiritual but not religious

How do you answer their hesitation when it comes to Scriptural issues, historical Christianity, or bad personal experiences with Christians?

5. Atheist

How do you address their claim that science and religion are incompatible?

How would you bring up the concept of Intelligent Design?

What is the impact of eyewitness accounts of the life of Christ?

6. Nominal Christians

What would it be like to go on a journey with someone to rediscover a life with Jesus?

Discuss

Application

Make a list of three people you can regularly pray for who are not currently followers of Christ. Start by praying together for these individuals.

Consider purchasing the book, [The Myth of the Non-Christian](#), by Luke Cawley, as a resource on having a missional mindset.

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Missional Mindset

2 Cor. 5:14

"The love of Christ compels me..."

A. Three things people are looking for

1. Tangibility- Is it real?

1 Cor. 14:25-

"...the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, **falling on his face, he will worship God** and declare that God is really among you."

1. Tangibility- Is it real?

2. Plausibility- Is it true?

Acts 17:2-4

"And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, **explaining** and **proving** that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." And some of them were **persuaded** and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women."

1. Tangibility- Is it real?

2. Plausibility- Is it true?

3. Desirability- Is it attractive?

B. Three General Mindsets

1. Atheist (8%)- *Intelligent Design, Irreducible Complexity, Moral Law*

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2. Spiritual, but not religious (7%)- *Bible Issue; "Bad" Christians*

William Wilberforce- abolition of slavery.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer- key figure in resistance to the Nazi's.

Martin Luther- freed from organized religion

Charles Malik- Declaration of Human Rights

Oscar Romero, Thomas Barnardo, Paul Brand, Desmond Tutu, Lord Shaftsbury- helping the poor and vulnerable.

Modern day refugees receiving aid- Christians

International Justice Mission
Compassion International
Hope International

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- 2. Spiritual, but not religious (7%)**- *Bible, "Bad" Christians*
- 3. Nominal Christian (71%)**- *A bad experience*

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Pic- Therapeutic Lens

Rethinking Conversion

Who is Jesus?

Repentance

Trust and assurance of forgiveness

Commitment

Holy Spirit

Baptism

Part of the Body of Christ

Making the Invitation

1. Personal openness
2. Small Group
3. Large Group (church services)