

# A WINNING FAITH: FAITH SEES THE BIG PICTURE

Use this guide for personal or small group study.

## **REFLECT >>>**

1. What is God's desire for you and all people?
2. How do you think God broadcasts His master plan?
3. What distracts you from participating in God's master plan?
4. Where is God stretching you to go even deeper in sharing His love?

## **READ YOUR BIBLE >>>**

- Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)
- 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)

## **APPLY** GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE >>>

1. When the disciples saw the resurrected Jesus in Galilee, He gave them a task. What was the task?
2. This task is often called the Great Commission. We believe that this commission is what the church should be doing today. How are you a part of baptizing and teaching others?
3. Why do you think Jesus concludes the Great Commission with a promise?
4. Who, or to whom is the church called to baptize and teach?
5. What are the hurdles you face in making disciples of “all nations”?
6. St. Paul, the author of 1 Timothy, writes that God wants “all people to be saved.” Is there a new direction or way that God wants you to share the love of Jesus?

7. How does your view of the world, the church and Jesus expand when you take to heart the word “all”?

The task of the church is to carry out God’s desire...that all people are saved, and that the church goes to all nations baptizing and teaching what Jesus first taught us. This is true for the worldwide church, for Hope Lutheran, and for every follower of Jesus. This can seem a daunting task, but here is an encouraging thought: you were given this task because God wants to work through you. He doesn’t leave us to the task alone. His Holy Spirit is there at every moment encouraging and empowering you to share Jesus’ love. We can start sharing Jesus’ love with family, neighbors, and co-workers. And in time and effort, blessed by the Holy Spirit, all nations will come to know the love of Jesus Christ.

## **PRAY >>>**

Father, thank You for Your Son, Jesus who died and rose again. Thank You that by faith in Him we have eternal life. Empower us with Your Holy Spirit so that we believe and can share Your Good News to the ends of the earth. Father, when we are nervous to share Your message, encourage us; when we are complacent in this holy task, make us passionate for the lost, those who do not know You yet. Father, help us to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. Amen.