FUSION Q's... Born to Sail 7 – The Commission

Discussion Starter...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about? Get them to pray for each other!

Discussion Questions

- Q1. When Elizabeth saw Will on the raft and called for help, she played a major part in helping save him. If you were Elizabeth, how do you think you would feel if you helped save someone's life like she did?
- Q2. What if you were to put yourself in Will's shoes how would you feel if someone helped to save you when you were hopelessly lost on the open sea? How would you show your appreciation?
- Q3. How does it make you feel to know that many of your friends are spiritually lost and need someone to save them?
- Q4. How do you think you would feel if you could help save them?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- Q5. Why do you think it is important for the church (church = followers of Jesus) to know what it should be doing (to know it's mission)?
- Q6. Why do you think it's important that the church/followers of Jesus put most of their efforts into achieving the mission that Christ gave them? What would the alternative be?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-11

Q7. According to Peter, why is God waiting to come back and judge the world? Why does he not want anyone "lost"?

- Q8. Does this passage give a sense of urgency and importance to Jesus' mission to go and make disciples? How?
- Q9. Explain how you can be a part of the church's mission to search for and save survivors (make disciples) when it comes to your friends.

BIBLE TEXTS

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Peter 3:8-11 (The Message Bible)

8-9Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.

10But when the Day of God's Judgment does come, it will be unannounced, like a thief. The sky will collapse with a thunderous bang, everything disintegrating in a huge conflagration, earth and all its works exposed to the scrutiny of Judgment.

11Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life?