

SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Big idea: We love people by supporting missionaries.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 3:16
Matthew 28:16-20
Luke 24:44-48
Acts 1:7,8
Acts 13:1-4
Matthew 24:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who does God want to hear the good news of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ?

What did the church in Antioch send Paul and Barnabas to do?

Explore a country. What would you need to do to prepare to go to that country as a missionary?

What do you think would be the hardest thing for a missionary in a foreign culture? What could you do to support or encourage a missionary in this situation?

Why do people become missionaries? What are the rewards associated with being a missionary? What would it take to get you to take this step?

Think about your neighborhood. What would a missionary do to reach the people in your neighborhood?

What could YOU do to become a more effective missionary to your neighborhood?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His love for the whole world.
Pray for a missionary you know.
Thank God for the mission field next door.
Ask God for opportunities to be a missionary.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ JOHN 3:16

Who does God love?

What does God want to do for them?

How do they find out about it?

Tell each other the best news you heard today.

READ MATTHEW 28:16-18

What makes Jesus special?

Look up "authority" in the dictionary.

Play "Simon Says".

How will you choose who is Simon?

READ MATTHEW 28:19-20

What does Jesus want done?

What does Jesus promise?

Pick a country & find out some of the following:

Location, jobs, lifestyle, food, beliefs

Can you find out about anyone

who is telling them about Jesus?

READ LUKE 24:44-48

What does Jesus want people to understand?

What message will be preached?

Where? Who will preach it?

Choose a newspaper article

and find out who wrote it and why.

MEMORY VERSE

One of the _____ of the ____ came
and heard them debating. Noticing that _____
had given them a _____ answer, he asked Him,
"Of all the _____, which is the most _____?"
"The most _____ one," answered _____, "is this:
'Hear,
O _____, the Lord our _____, the Lord is _____. Love the _____
your _____ with all your _____ and with _____ your soul
and with
_____ your mind and with _____ your _____.'
The _____ is this: 'Love your _____ as yourself.'
There is no _____ greater _____ these."

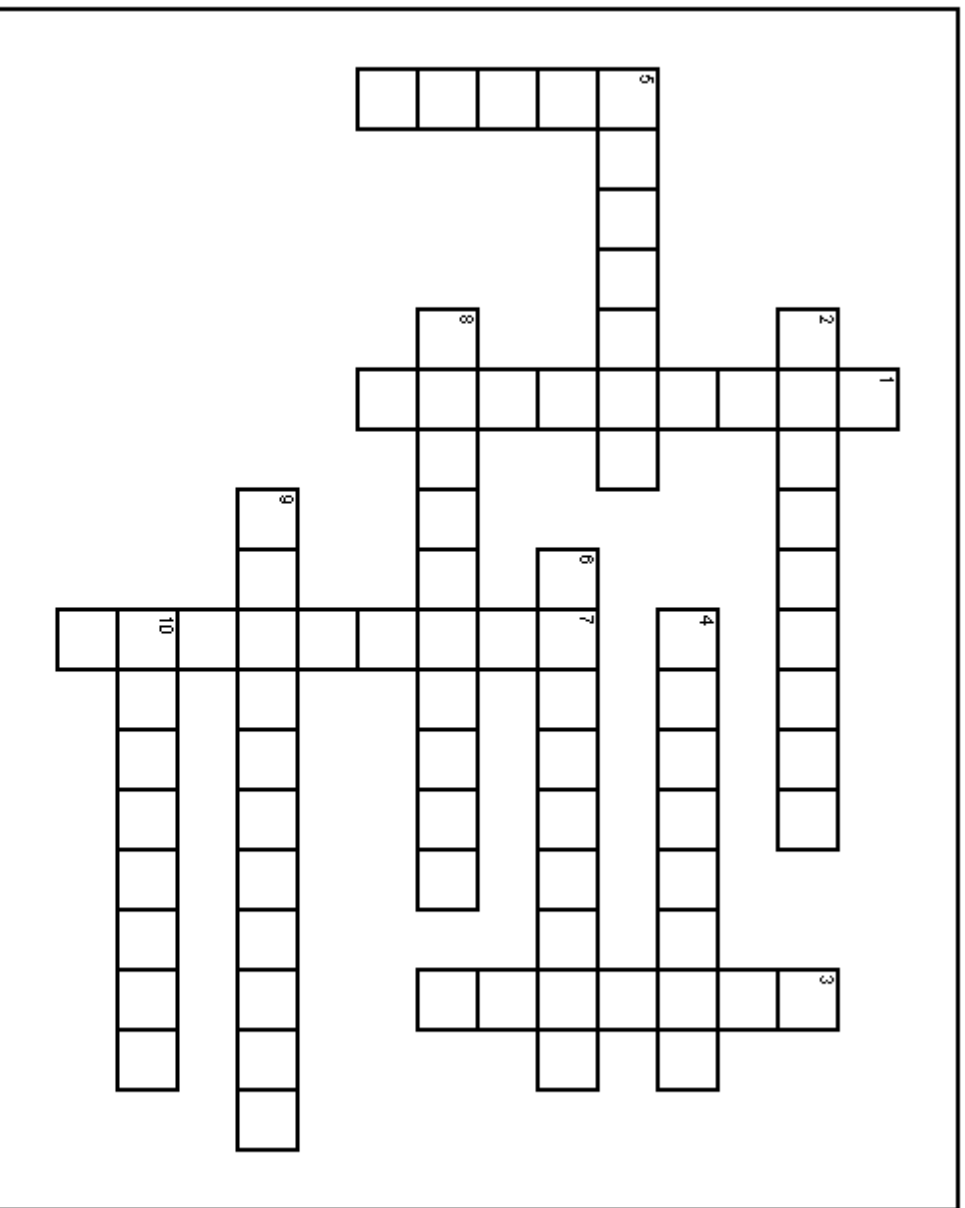
Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)

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Pass It On

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



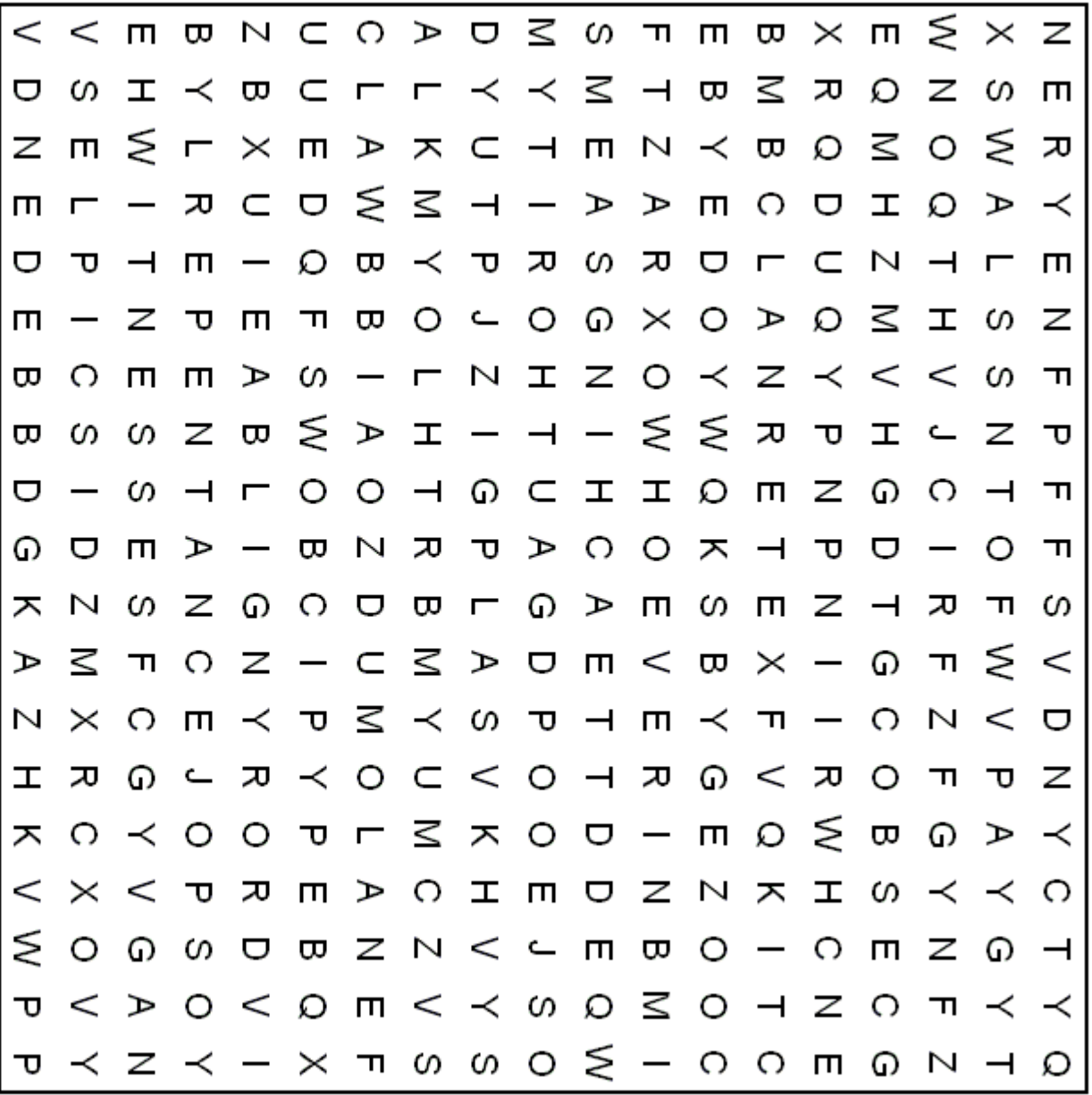
Across

- we should be making these (Matthew 28:19)
- spoken (Luke 24:47)
- anyone (John 3:16)
- Jesus disciples will be doing this (Matthew 28:19)
- a turning around or change of heart (Luke 24:47)
- the taking away of sin (Luke 24:47)
- Jesus disciples will be doing this (Matthew 28:20)

Down

- people who saw an event (Luke 24:48)
- forever (John 3:16)
- God loves this (John 3:16)
- Jesus has all of this (Matthew 28:18)

Pass It On



teaching

authority

baptizing

witnesses

whoever

preached

disciples

repentance

forgiveness

eternal

world