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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Swimming Upstream Week 1 - Mission

ICE-BREAKER:

When or what has Jesus asked you to do that has taken you out of your comfort zone?

DISCUSS:

We live at a time when the Christian message is becoming less popular each day. Why do you suppose that is so?

READ: *"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." - John 20:21 (NIV)*

When did you first realize that you were being sent on a mission by Jesus? How did that make you feel? What was your response?

What might happen if you started to see your workplace, your school, or your neighborhood, as a self-supporting mission field?

READ: *"Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people." - Philippians 2:15 (NLT2)*

What godly qualities make Christians "shine like stars"?

In what ways has the power of the gospel changed you and caused you to stand out?

What prevents believers from letting their light shine?

APPLY:

Can you remember a person who shared and showed the love of Jesus to you before you became a Christian? What did they say or do that influenced you?

How will you let your light shine in your workplace or neighborhood this week?