

LIFE GROUP GUIDE
Good News Shoes #6: "Hiking Boots"

Tips for Leaders

Please encourage your Life Group members to keep their Bibles open for the duration of your discussion. It's an easy habit to fall into to read the passage together, then close your Bibles. Keep referring people to the passage. Rub their noses in the ink! We want to grow in our knowledge of God's Word together, not just share our opinions about related topics.

CONNECT UP: give God an opportunity to speak to you through his Word

- **Please read Acts 1:1-9.**
 - Where does this passage fit into the biblical story? *[Leaders' note: focus on verses 1-3. This is the start of the book of Acts. Jesus has been crucified and resurrected. He is commissioning his disciples before ascending to Heaven.]*
 - What does Jesus command us to do? *[Leaders' note: Focus on verses 4 and 7. In v4 Jesus commands his disciples to wait to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And in v7 Jesus sends them out. Basically, be filled, and once you're filled "Go".]*
 - Where does Jesus command his disciples to go? What do you notice about the progression in v8? *[Leaders' note: This progression mirrors the narrative of Acts. The disciples start in Jerusalem (where they were), then they go to the next nearest areas, before spreading everywhere.]*
 - Is Jesus' command to the disciples in these verses still relevant to us today? *[Leaders' note: absolutely yes!]*
- **Please read Revelation 7:9-10.**
 - What will be the result of our mission to go to the nations?
 - How does this motivate us in our evangelism to the nations now? *[Leaders' note: It works! And it's beautiful.]*

CONNECT IN: discuss the implications of what God says to you as a Life Group

- Reflect on the ethnic diversity of your Life Group compared to our Sunday services. One of the massive advantages of being part of Everyday Church is that people from many different nations come to our services each Sunday. Many of them are not yet in a Life Group. How can we glorify God by reaching out to them and drawing them in? *[Leaders' note: We are all generally in favour of God's plan to draw people from every nation into his family, but we need to translate this general nod into specific action. Many internationals are intensely lonely and disorientated by life in London. Making plans to draw them into your Life Group is a major expression of Christ's love at work within you.]*

CONNECT OUT: discuss the implications for your interactions with the world around you

- The people who planted our church in Victorian Britain needed to take a long sea voyage to reach the nations of the world. God in his wisdom and grace has made things much, much easier for us. The unreached people groups of the world are all around us in London!
- End your time together by praying for individuals from other nations that you know by name. See how many of your friends and family from different nations you can name before the Lord together.
10 nations: Yep, you live in London.
20 nations: Well done – you're really well connected as a Life Group.
30+ nations: Wow, you're better placed than any other Life Group in almost any previous generation of Christians to get on your Hiking Boots and share the good news of the gospel with the nations of the world!
- The command to go to the nations us for all Christians. Has God put a specific nation on your heart?