

**THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM**  
**The Naked Truth**  
**Sermon 26.6.10**  
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**Small Group Study for Week of June 26-July 2**

**The Big Idea**

**We can hide it and we can ignore it but the naked truth is that if we really understood the good news about Jesus and how it changes everything in our lives we would want to and we would be able to share our faith with others. As a community we are to help each other to share what we have and we can do it because the One who has all power has promised to be with us.**

**Group Reads Numbers 13:1,2 and 26-33 page 99**

**Questions**

1. Can you think of other things God has promised in the Bible that we have a hard time believing or doing? Eg self-esteem etc

**Group Reads Matthew 28:16-20 page 683**

2. What two specific things does Jesus say in these verses that should give us confidence in making disciples?
3. What specific thing that some of the disciples demonstrated did not stop Jesus telling them to make disciples?
4. What reason or reasons could we give God for not making disciples? What do you think of those reasons given the above texts?

**Group Reads Acts 1:8 page 745**

**Comment:** The word translated witness in the Greek, also means martyr.

5. What is the significance do you think of us being commanded to be witnesses or martyrs? How is this more than (although it includes it) living a good life?
6. According to this verse what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit being given to Christians?

**Comment:** The good news going to Jerusalem happens in Acts 2. The good news goes to Judea and Samaria in Acts 8 after the stoning of Stephen and the good news going to the Gentiles happens in Acts 10,11.

**Group Reads: Acts 8:1-8 page 751**

**Comment:** The word translated “preached” in verse 4 literally means, “proclaimed good news.” The basis for any effective, genuine witnessing about Jesus Christ has to be because we have good news.

7. Given that people fleeing for their lives believed they had good news, could some of our hesitancy to witness for Christ be that we don’t have good news?

8. Group discusses what the good news is that we have as Christians? Check Peters sermon in Acts 3 if you have problems.
9. After agreement is made about what the good news is, each person in the group share with the person near them what the good news is. Even if you are not a believer in Christ, this could be fun.  
(Pretend that the person you are talking to is not a follower of Jesus Christ and does not understand religious words such as, sin, saved or eternal life!!)
10. Debrief how that went.
11. Who are we going to share the “good news,” with this week?

**Comment:** As a result of this week’s Big Idea, some of the small group may like to sign up for the *Walk Across the Room Seminar*. This seminar helps people learn how to listen for God moments in conversations with our friends, how to listen to peoples stories, how to share what God means to you and to do all this in a friendly, natural and non threatening way. Group leader can take the names of those interested and put them in their report to the Small Group Ministry leader for follow up.