



**Laser Focus**  
**Purpose - Week 1**

*This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.*

**READ**

**Begin by reading Matthew 28:18–20.**

- As you read, underline or highlight the actions that Jesus instructs his disciples to do.
- How does it feel to know that Jesus is with you right now?
- What questions do you have after reading these verses?

**REFLECT**

*Read Acts 20:24.* In Matthew 28, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission. It is the very purpose, the focus onto which He desires for all Christians to live out. This is the beginning of the Church as the disciples are to live on mission and spread the Gospel. In Acts, Paul affirms the task that God has given him and expresses how to live it out.

- What are the different things in your life that might become your primary focus?
- *Reread Matthew 28:18–20.* What is the declaration and purpose that Jesus tasks the church to do?
- Similar to Paul's proclamation in Acts 20:24, why is it important that our purpose mirrors and aligns with Christ's laser-focused purpose?
- What distractions and cravings hinder you from focusing on Jesus?
- How does it feel to eliminate distractions and shed cravings that hinder you?
- What is the purpose you feel in your life to share the Gospel? If you don't know quite yet, spend time in prayer this week asking God to magnify His purpose through you.

**PRAY**

Begin your time of prayer by reading Acts 1:8. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

**FOCUS** on the goodness of God that you have experienced in your life.

**THANK** God for sending the Spirit to empower you to share the Gospel.

**CONFESS** where you have been distracted from the purpose set before you by Christ.

**ASK** God help you be laser focused on sharing the Gospel with those around you this week.

**DO**

Join Hillside in prayer and action through Sharing Tree as we spread hope in our local communities. Pray that God's grace would be felt by families all across your community and find out how to get involved at [hillsideonline.com/sharingtree](http://hillsideonline.com/sharingtree)

**\*Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

Psalm 138:8

Matthew 6:25-34

Psalm 90:12

Colossians 3:23

