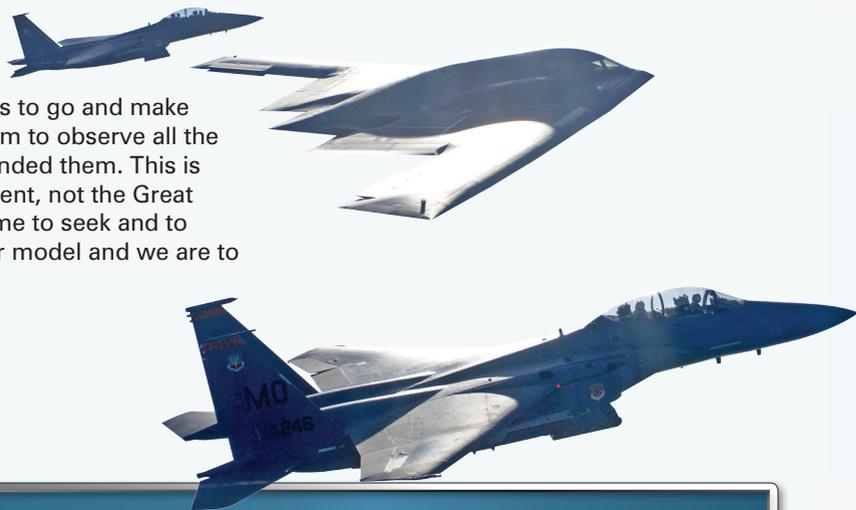


WARM UP |

Jesus told the disciples to go and make disciples, teaching them to observe all the things He had commanded them. This is the Great Commandment, not the Great Suggestion! Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He is our model and we are to become like Him.



READ | Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 15; Acts 1:8

BACKGROUND |

Jesus shares about a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. The sheep got lost through distraction, the coin was lost accidentally, but the son was lost intentionally. The owners in the first two cases go looking for the lost one, but in the last case you have to wait and pray for the one to come to their senses.

We have to understand that people are lost and dying. The lost will go to eternal torment. When we understand that, then we can truly have a heart to win the lost. We also see the importance of our witness. It has an eternal significance.

Jesus, in speaking to His disciples, told them to go! Some people stop at "nothing" to share their faith. Let's see today what we can do to share our faith with those who are perishing.

QUESTIONS |

- 1 Have you ever led someone to Christ? If yes share. If not, share why this has never happened in your life.
- 2 It seems strange that the shepherd would leave the ninety-nine to go and look for the one. What is Jesus trying to say to us? What should we do about it?

3 The Prodigal Son story is a long story. Discuss the lessons for us from this passage. Note also the attitude of his brother.

4 Realising that sometimes we are a link in a chain, what things could you do to help bring someone to Christ?

CONSIDER THIS |

"Go" means we have to go to where the lost are - an action on our part.

Acts 1:8 shows us that we need the power of the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness. He is our Helper. He desires to assist us.

Ephesians 6:15 says that part of the armour is the preparation of the Gospel. We need to be prepared and that may require carrying tracts.



MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER |

What do I need to apply from what I have learned from this study?

WRAP UP |

Thinking about preparation, what could you do to be better prepared to share your faith? As a group is there something that you could do this month to share your faith by "going"? Discuss and decide to do something.

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER |