

# ***Who Lives in Your World? – Discussion and Reflection Questions***

*Start with a game about communication. You can use the one below or a different game.*

*Tell the group that they must line up by birthday. But they cannot talk, write, use their phones, etc. They will have to communicate non-verbally to accomplish this task. When they are finished, ask them each their birthday to make sure they got it right!*

Now let's talk about how that went.

- Did you have to think of different ways to communicate?
- Did some people stand out as leaders?
- What would have happened if nobody had communicated with one or two people?

This task could not have been completed if some people had been left out. Somehow everyone had to be included in the messaging that was going on.

Read the gospel:

[Mark 16:15-20](#) (The Ascension of Jesus Christ) – the Gospel Reading for the [The Ascension of the Lord – Year B](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

[Mark 16:15-20](#)

In this gospel, Jesus tells us to spread the good news to the whole world. We might be comfortable speaking about faith to our friends, especially our youth group friends or your closest friends.

Jesus tells us to spread the Gospel to the “whole world”. That could include some people we don’t know as well and are not as comfortable with.

- Do you have some friends you would be comfortable about talking faith with and others you would not?
- What makes it easier to share your faith with some people than with others?
- Is there anyone in your “world” whom you think needs to hear the Gospel message?

But maybe we are not as comfortable speaking about Jesus with our friends in this room, but not as much basketball teammate we don’t know so well.

Think about the game we played. We learned that there are many ways to communicate. Some of these ways don’t need words. So maybe there are other options to spreading the Gospel other than just walking up to someone and saying “Can I tell you about Jesus?”

- What are some non-verbal ways you can help your friends know about Jesus?
- Are there some indirect ways you can spread the Gospel.? (tell your friends you are going to Mass, redirect the conversation when the gossip starts, etc.)

Jesus wants us to spread the Gospel to the whole world. That means our whole world, not just the part of our world we are comfortable talking faith with.

This week, think of one person in your world who might need to hear the message of salvation. Think of a way, either directly or indirectly, that you can share that message. Pray to the Holy Spirit for courage and for the right opportunity to do that. Then, when the opportunity presents itself, do what you feel prompted to do.