



Espresso Shot Weekend Pivot

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, read [Matthew 28:16-20](#) and [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (10-15 minutes)

Use the ice breaker [BINGO for besties](#), choose from one of the other ice breakers on Emmanuel's [Leader Tools](#), or create your own.

CHECK-IN (15-20 minutes)

Ask your group members to share how they completed their action step and what it has taught them. Last week, we asked the question, *will you create the daily habit of connecting to the word of God?*

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The word pivot means to turn, rotate, or find another way. Amid global uncertainty, many have found themselves trapped in a whirlwind of obstacles, anxieties or even fears they cannot overcome. As Christ followers, it is so important we find a way to climb out of this trap, because we are continually on mission – a Great Commission. It's time to pivot.

1. Take a moment to reflect on how you've spent your days, weeks, and even the last few months. After review, what mission would you say you are currently living to fulfill?

2. As followers of Jesus, we were given a life-transforming mission. Read [Matthew 28:16-20](#). Summarize what Jesus is asking of his followers.

What principles and lessons did Jesus teach that we are commissioned to help others learn and apply?

3. Emmanuel's mission statement is derived from the Great Commission – *we exist to see people come to Christ and grow in Christ*. Why is this mission urgent?

To fulfill this mission, Jesus embraced suffering, even to the point of death on a cross. Read [1 Peter 4:12-13](#). What keeps us from inconveniencing ourselves to see this mission fulfilled?



4. Why does focusing on fulfilling the Great Commission help us pivot from a stagnancy mindset?

Going forward, how are you feeling challenged to pivot toward the mission?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **Join the [Impact Team](#).** Registering for Impact 101. Find a regular serving opportunity within the Emmanuel community.
- **Invite a friend...** to join you at church this upcoming weekend or share Emmanuel's weekend service on social media.
- **Daily time with God.** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - o [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - o [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily.
 - o Purchase a [Jesus Calling](#) devotional and read it daily.
 - o Devote time daily to using the [Bible Project](#) and the video teaching offered.
- **Pray.** Seek discernment in God's approval by devoting time every morning and night to prayer. If able, get on your knees. A proper position can change the way you pray.
- **Read a book.** [The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren](#) is an amazing read that goes along with this topic of mission.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.

This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.

Their action step is _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Give everyone in your group an index card. Ask them to write their name and action step on one side and a prayer request on the other. When finished, have everyone pass their cards to the



left. Everyone in the group now has someone to connect with throughout the coming week for three reasons:

- 1) To build the relationship
- 2) To encourage to accomplish their action step
- 3) To pray for in a specific way

Ask them to place the index card on their night stand or another place that would allow them to see it and use it every day.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Outreach Coordinator, at bschafer@eclife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12-16 | [Impact Week](#)

September 13 | [VERB](#)

September 17 | [1824](#)

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