



THE GENESIS MISSION

"I will make you Fishers of Men"

Matthew 4:19

Welcome to Genesis Mission training! We are excited to join you on this journey where you will grow in discipleship and mission. Genesis Mission training prepares you to go on as the early apostles did, using the gifts we already have, given to us as children of God in our baptism.

Those who seek to further God's Kingdom are encouraged to embrace a life of holiness in prayer, purity, truth and transparency and are inspired and empowered through experiential knowledge to go forth with the explicit intention to share the Gospel in ways that are sensitive and appropriate to the lifestyle and culture of those around them in whatever situation they find themselves. Simple, relational and always loving.

It is a fervent prayer that the Genesis Mission will, over time, unite an army of Catholic Christians who are honed to have a greater insight into the human person and how to open up the paths that can lead others to faith, thus participating in the very mission of Christ our Redeemer for the salvation of souls.

These next 6 weeks are a journey, not only to learn how to share the Good News, but to go deeper in our personal discipleship, to learn how to recognize and collaborate with the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and to grow ever closer to the heart of Jesus. As you take this journey, you will uncover hidden gifts that will equip you to pour the love of God into empty hearts and build His Kingdom. ***"The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself"*** (CCC, 27).

We are the living stones of the Church, and it is through us, through our words and actions, powered by the great Truth that has been gifted to us, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we will begin to see the much-needed transformation of the society in which we live. The time for this is now, and the duty, borne of our love for Jesus Christ who died for each one of us, is joyfully ours.

What you get from the next few weeks will depend entirely on how much **you desire to receive**, and so, renew your prayer to make a plea from the depths of your heart and open yourself to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Here are a few pointers for the meetings:

- **PRAYER:** Your personal time in daily prayer is critical. Please use the Genesis Mission prayer every day and pepper each day with the plea ***"Lord bring me someone who I may share you with."*** Additionally, please pray the rosary with intention for your own and your fellow pilgrims' growth in the desire to share the beauty and vitality of the Catholic faith. Further, the road to going deeper and coming alive in Jesus cannot be taken without the sacraments, so your commitment to the Eucharist at Adoration and daily Mass, if possible, coupled with regular Confession will provide boundless grace.

• **PREPARATION:** Please come to the meeting having read one chapter of 'Mission Made Possible' and be prepared to comment on the most significant thing you have read - something that surprised, inspired or perhaps dismayed you. It might be something that resonated strongly with you or something that you disagreed with. You will have around 2-3 minutes to speak, first on Part A and once everyone has taken their turn, Part B. The time is yours to say whatever you wish. **Try to expand your thoughts in the context of your personal missional journey and give an indication of why this particular thing made an impact on you and importantly, how you felt about it.** Remember, each person will be given the opportunity to share in equal time so please intend to keep within the timeframe and don't be offended if you are gently asked to draw to a close if you have run over. It is a good idea to make notes as each chapter has a lot to offer and it's easy to forget your own point once you hear others speak. If you feel nervous about speaking out, please don't be put off, just come along and listen to others until you feel ready.

• **LISTENING:** A major part of these sessions is about learning to listen. Therefore, it is not a discussion group. When you have spoken, no members of the group will comment. The leader will thank you and then invite someone else to speak. This is a tough discipline; we naturally tend to want to give our opinion but working this way offers many benefits. We learn to listen respectfully, we grow together in confidence, nobody dominates the group and at the end of the meeting we have many different points of view to consider and pray into, which helps to expand us. The leader might ask you to explain a point further if the point is unclear but still there would not be discussion.

The next 6 weeks should be a bit of a challenge on many levels and you will probably feel the reflection can sometimes be hard work, but at the same time, you should also expect to experience a deeper sense of anticipation about what is to come when you begin to step out in faith to share Jesus.

A final encouragement: if you open your heart, this will be the beginning of an adventure that, if you allow, will change your life, and the lives of those around you in ways that you never imagined.

We look forward to accompanying you on this journey! Know that we will be praying for you, and are here to answer any questions you may have.

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God asks only that you first BELIEVE and TRUST that in Him all things are possible.

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