



# The Cause

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## “This One Thing”

### Gabbing about Life (Icebreaker)

In the original movie “City Slickers” starring Billy Crystal and Jack Palance, the phrase “this one thing” was utilized as the secret to happiness, but “this one thing” was never identified. If you saw the movie, what do you think it meant? What is the “one thing” you need in your specific career to be skilled at your position? What is the “one thing” you need to be fulfilled and effective in your daily Christian walk?

### Reading from the Book of Life (the Bible)

Have a different person read each of the following:

Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16, 17

### Grappling with Life’s Issues (Questions)\*

Spend a few minutes discussing some of the major themes: What issues are presented in these passages? What stands out? Are there similar thoughts that all the passages share? Based on these passages what is the “one thing” for the church to be committed to? A common theme in all of these passages is sharing the good news.

- Matthew 5:16 describes us as the “light of the world”. How can we truly be the “light of the world”? As the “light of the world” we are observed by all we come in contact with. By being the light of the world, we are also being a light to the world – discuss that statement.

- Matthew 28:19, 20 is the Great Commission in which we are challenged to “Go”. Each day you go out into the world and bear God’s name. How does thinking about the Great Commission this way change your perspective?

- Acts 1:8 tells us that we are witnesses. The idea of being a witness is being truthful to what you have seen or heard. The power of a Christian witness is the Holy Spirit working through the truthful testimony of a believer.

- Romans 1:16, 17 is Paul’s great confession about the gospel. How does this inspire you?

Final Thought: What does God need to change in you for you to be a more effective witness? Spend time in prayer asking God to transform you so that you might be a more effective witness for Him.

### Praying through Life’s Challenges

Pray that the Lord will work in each member’s life, transforming him/her into a bold witness for Him.

\*If you are unable to discuss all of the passages, don’t worry or rush through them in order to touch on all of them.

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Life Group Resource #9

*“For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world...”*  
*John 18:37 (NKJV)*