

# “New Era” Week 1

**INTRO** // Welcome to Faith Students! We are so excited that you are here! Tonight we are starting a new series called “New Era”. The purpose of this series is for us learn and discuss what our role is in this thing called faith. A life of faith is not just about reading stories about how God used to use people, but actually doing the things God has planned for us. Tonight we are going to talk about our job description as followers of Jesus.

**ILLUSTRATION** // *Tell a funny story about one of your first jobs.*

Example: I would tell the story of when I got a job at a pizza place. Went to 1 day of training. Heard the job description and then never came back again.

- Use this time to help engage the students through humor and build a bridge to the topic of the message.

**TENSION** // We will never truly understand who God has created us to be until we know what He’s created us to do.

**SCRIPTURE** // *Matt 28:16-20 “Great Commission”*

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**MAIN POINT** // *HE CAME SO WE COULD GO!*

**A) Who do we go to?**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

**Illustration** // *Tell a story of something that was not easy to love, but you loved them anyways and have seen a big change in their lives.*

**Application** // We are not called to only go to the comfortable places. We are not called to only love the easy people. God has called us to go to ALL!

**CHALLENGE** // WHO IS SOMEONE THAT YOU PURPOSEFULLY AVOID?

- Write down their name and pray for them EVERY DAY this week.
- Invite them to Faith Students NEXT WEEK!

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## [WATER WELLS FOR AFRICA //](#)

There are millions of people all around the world that are dying because they do not have access to clean drinking water. Many of these same people are also dying spiritually because they do not have the “Living Water” which is Jesus. When we give to STL at Night of Generosity we are giving to those people! We are bringing them water to drink and sharing the gospel of Jesus that can bring life to their souls! **THAT IS WHO WE ARE GOING TO!**

## ***B) Who do we go with?***

**“...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”**

### **Illustration //**

#### **a.) WHO IS SOMEONE YOU ALWAYS FEEL SAFE WITH?**

- For example: I had a friend named Daniel Reza in high school. He was so big his nickname was Nyquil cause if you messed with him he'd knock you out and put him to sleep. I felt safe whenever I went somewhere with him.

#### **b.) WHO IS SOMEONE YOU ALWAYS HAVE HELP YOU WITH PROJECTS?**

- For example: I am horrible with home and car repairs so I would always call my friend Mark Nimmo. He's mister fix it. He is equipped to everything im unable to do.

Both of these stories illustrate our need for help to accomplish things that are bigger than us and our own abilities.

**APPLICATION //** When we look around the world and see all the problems that need solved, all the children that need fed, all the pain that needs healed it can be overwhelming. So overwhelming that it can actually paralyze us and keep us from doing anything to help! Because we think “There's so much to be done. What can I really do?” We see the BIG problems and our little abilities. But if we realized that the HOLY SPIRIT is with us. And empowering us. Then there is nothing that cannot be done!

### **CHALLENGE // STOP FOCUSSING ON THE OBSTACLES AND LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Everyday, invite the Holy Spirit to go with you. Wake up and ask that the Holy Spirit would give you new eyes to see what it is God has for you that day. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a new heart to love people the way God does. Ask

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for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you so you can bravely do what He’s asking you to accomplish.

- When we realize the power that is within us as Spirit filled believers, it gives us a better perspective. We now realize that the obstacles that we once saw as overpowering are actually nothing compared to the power of God.

**WATER WELLS FOR AFRICA //** Ask the Holy Spirit to give you ideas on how you can raise money to help those w/o clean drinking water. Then ask for the bravery to turn an idea into action!

### **C) What do we go with?**

**“...everything I have commanded you.”**

**APPLICATION //** When Jesus said “everything I have commanded of you” the disciples knew exactly what he was talking about, because they had been closely following Jesus for the last 3 1/2 years! They talked and listened to him everyday. They saw the miracles. They heard the teachings. They did the jobs he gave them. They knew what to do because they saw him do it. It was not THEIR TURN! It was a NEW ERA! They were ready, because they were equipped with the Holy Spirit, the teachings from Jesus, and they had been a part of the miracles he’d been performing. They knew the resurrected Jesus! They were confident and equipped to do what he was calling them to do.

### **ILLUSTRATION //**

**CHALLENGE //** USE WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU!

What has God given you? Talents? Abilities? Influence? Passion?

***How can you leverage those things for greater kingdom impact?***

### **ALTARS WITH ACTION //**

**A.) WHO?** Challenge students to pray for people in their sphere of influence. Who can they invite to church? Challenge students to pray for people in Africa with no clean drinking water.

**B.) Holy Spirit.** Give students an opportunity to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that they would be empowered and equipped to make a difference.

**C.) WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN ME?** Give students an opportunity to ask God to show them what they can do with what He’s given them so that they can make a difference.

### **SALVATION OPPORTUNITY**