



**Pastoral  
Discernment**  
Central Coast

# Participation in Mission

An invitation to participate and journey together as pilgrims and missionary people of God.

As we journey forward together, we are invited to consider,

***How is God calling the people of the Central Coast to journey forward together as pilgrim and missionary people of God?***

This is a process of community discernment, as such, we are called to work together as a group. The process you are going to engage with today is built upon the practice of Spiritual Discernment. It is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction and we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us. All are welcome to participate and discern together.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Darkinjung and Awabakal peoples as the Traditional Owners of this ancient land. We acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray and give thanks for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land that we call home.

## **An invitation to pray together.**

Invite a member of your small group to read the scripture reading.

### **Matthew 28: 19-20**

*Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

### **Read full chapter**

Allow 2 minutes of silence and re-read the scripture quote again.

Allow 5 minutes of silence and invite each group member to reflect on the words that they heard and reflect on the question; How is God speaking with you in this?

You may choose to play this song before you begin your listening and dialogue rounds.

**Sweet Sunshine** by Gus & Iggy  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLAFwq5jxio>

## What does this theme mean for the people in our community?

We are invited to make God known to all those we gather with, within our community, by our own personal witness. If we love God ourselves, it will help us to inspire others to know, love and serve God. Each of us has a vital part of this mission, utilising the gifts that have been given to us, to enable all to participate in the mission of the Church.

As we discern this theme we are invited to think of times and ways of how our faith community can respond to Jesus' call to mission?

### Guiding questions:



Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone on the Central Coast?



What hinders the baptised in being active in mission?



What areas of mission are we neglecting on the Central Coast?



How does our community support members who serve our local community in various ways?



How does our community help these members to live out their service on the Central Coast in a missionary way?



How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?

**After prayerful discernment, begin the listening and dialogue rounds with your small group.**

**Review**

**Reflect**

**Respond**