

 Missions Emphasis 2020
ON MISSION
LOVE GOD | LOVE OTHERS | SEEK HIS KINGDOM

Week Four // On Mission: To the Nations

Changes the Holy Spirit has brought to mind over the past month through the Word that I should start practicing this week...



Spend time this week looking back over the passages we've covered this month. Remember the commands we are given.

- Matthew 22:36-40
- Deuteronomy 6:1-15
- Leviticus 19:17, 33-34
- Matthew 6:7-13

What is our short life here all about?

The mission work of God that started in us does not stay here with us. The mission work of God that started in some obscure place called Galilee did not stay there but spread to the nations and continues to spread even today.

Though none of us will ever be perfect, hopefully we desire to live our lives for the things of eternal significance. Hopefully we will live for the things that are of ultimate concern to God.

Three Guiding Principles of the Great Commission

1. Your life is under new _____.

Your past does not get to define you anymore. Your sin and shame that you've hidden away do not have the final say.

The penalty of sin is no longer the authoritative word for your life. Jesus declares, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." We are now living in the inaugurated kingdom of God with Jesus as our king. While we yet wait for the fullness of God's kingdom, Jesus begins to introduce this new reality to us even now.

Romans 6:6-11

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

God has so radically changed everything about who we are through Jesus. It's because of this reality, Jesus says to go and make disciples.

2. You are a _____ called to make _____.

You are an apprentice of Jesus. I like that. We don't have a strong apprenticeship culture here like other parts of the world. But I think we can get the idea. We apprentice under Jesus, learning his way. And yet while we do that we go out and find others who want to apprentice under Jesus. The transformational power we have experienced in Jesus does not end with us, but we invite others to experience it as well.

HOW?

A. _____ - As you go, make disciples.

B. _____ - Conversion to a new way, the way of Christ! Our identity is now in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

C. _____ to obey – this teaching is not more head knowledge, but obedience = a life conformed to the way of Jesus.



Who is walking alongside you in your apprenticeship to Jesus? If no one, who can you ask to be that person?



Who is someone you can walk alongside in their apprenticeship to Jesus?

3. You cannot and will not do this _____.

As we consider all of this that we've just looked at, I am so thankful that we do not have to do this on our own. Our part is being available, obedient, and diligent in what God calls us to do. It is his mercy and grace through his presence that enables us to obey His calling. It is the Holy Spirit indwelling every disciple of Jesus that transforms our minds and lives from the inside out. It is the presence of God that leads us in our conversations to be an effective witness for Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to turn hearts to Jesus, to see his better way, to turn from the world's way, and to live completely for Him.

The promise of Jesus' presence with his disciples is what empowers us to continue on. God's mission work is not finished until the end of this age, but He has not left us on our own to figure it all out. He continues to be with us and lead us in becoming His people from every nation, tribe, and language, just as He promised.

Whose purpose and mission are you living for? Today's a new day. Start or restart your apprenticeship to Jesus today.

The Great Commission

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.