

TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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Designed to Be on Mission Together
Matthew 28:18-20

Remember:

God designed the church to function in such a way that EVERYONE is to play a part in communicating and demonstrating the gospel message to the world.

You have been uniquely gifted to serve the mission of Christ's church.

The Mission to Make Disciples

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." – William Carey

1. The Jurisdiction:

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

2. The Command:

Matt. 28:19 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, **20a** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

The Mission of the Church:

1. As we go into the world...
2. ... we are to proclaim the gospel without prejudice.
3. We immerse those who trust in Jesus into the life of the church...
4. ...and train them to live out their new quality of life.

"The primary mission of the church and, therefore, of the churches is to proclaim the gospel of Christ and gather believers into local churches where they can be built up in faith and made effective in service; thus new congregations are to be planted throughout the world."

– David Hesselgrave, "The Heart of Christian Mission"

3. The Promise:

Matt. 28:20b And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The Result of Such a Mission:

1. The church grows.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

2. The gospel spreads.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

3. The body is strengthened.

Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

4. The process is replicated.

2Tim. 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **faithful men**, who will be able to teach others also.

Discussion & Reflection Questions'

1. As a follower of Jesus, you have a role in the advancement of His kingdom. In your own words, craft a mission statement for your life.
2. Think about the quote from William Carey, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." In what ways are you being bold for the Kingdom? How can you grow in this area?
3. How involved are you with our Global Mission Partners? How can you better partner with those on the front lines of gospel expansion?

SONGS

"Remain in Me" (Kid's Song)

"Stand In Your Love" – Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, Rita Springer

"Together In This" – Valley Bible Worship (Dan Gillette, Shawn Hoelsch]

"Amazing Grace" – Chris Tomlin

"Hosanna" – Brooke Fraser

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$35,285.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,488,964.00

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,539,076.00