

What is our mission as followers of Jesus?

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.’” Matthew 28:18-20

- What is the commandment in this passage?
 - Make _____
- What does it mean to make a disciple?
 - A disciple is one who becomes like their _____ (Luke 6:40)
- What is the difference between making a disciple and a convert?
 - A disciple is seeking to become like Jesus not just cross a _____ of salvation
- What is Jesus’ promise to His followers as they seek to carry out this mission
 - He is _____ them

“So when they had come together, they asked Him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be by witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’” Acts 1:6-8

- How is our mission expressed in these verses?
 - We are to be _____ of Jesus
- What is a witness?
 - A witness is someone who gives _____
- How important is the Holy Spirit in this process?
 - He is _____

Being a witness means sharing your story

- It means sharing about what you were like _____ Jesus

- It means sharing about how you came to _____ in Jesus
- It means sharing about the ways that Jesus has been at work in your life like _____ you placed your faith in Him

Being a witness means sharing Jesus story

- You can use the bridge illustration and Romans 6:23
- You can use the image circles
- You can use John 3:16
 - The Peril - Perishing
 - The Plan - Love
 - The Path - Belief
 - The Prize - Eternal Life

What do we do when someone places their faith in Jesus?

- We ask them to express their faith _____

“And the jailer called for lights and rushed in and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.” Acts 16:29-34

“And the eunuch said to Philip, ‘About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:34-38

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.’ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:37-41

- Every believer expresses their new-found faith outwardly through _____

The important first step in sharing Jesus is _____

“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” Ephesians 6:16-20

“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.” Romans 10:1

What can we pray about sharing Jesus?

Pray for yourself

- Pray that you will be in step with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
- Pray that God will open doors for you to share the Gospel (Colossians 4:2-4)
- Pray that you will share with boldness (Acts 4:29)
- Pray that your sharing will be effective (Philippians 2:10-12)
- Pray that you will not be ashamed to share the Gospel (Romans 1:16)

Pray for non-Christians

- Pray that God will draw that person to Himself (John 6:44)
- Pray that they will seek to know God (Deuteronomy 4:29; Acts 17:27)

- Pray that they will believe the Scriptures (Romans 10:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Pray that Satan will be bound from blinding them to the truth (Matthew 13:19; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Pray that God will send someone (maybe you) to lead them to Christ (Matthew 9:37-38)
- Pray they will believe in Christ as Savior (John 1:12, 5:24)
- Pray they will turn from sin (Acts 3:19, 17:30-31)
- Pray they will confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10)
- Pray they will yield their life to follow Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 3:7-8)
- Pray they will take root and grow in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7)

Who will you pray for?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

How can I share this hope with others? Reflection Questions

#1 - What is the mission that Jesus has given to His followers? How do you feel about the mission?

#2 - What is the 2 minute version of your testimony?

#3 - How would you share the basics of the gospel with a friend?

#4 - Who do you want to pray will come to know Jesus?

***Do you have questions about this week's lesson?**

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