

Real with Others: Church Purpose

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" *Romans 10:14-15 ESV*

GOD'S MISSION

_____ **And** _____ **As A Biblical Theme**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." *Genesis 12:1-3 ESV*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:9 ESV*

God's Purpose: Making _____

"For my name's sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another. *Isaiah 48:9-11 ESV*

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. *Psalms 16:11 ESV*

Fulfillment of Genesis 12 Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." *Galatians 3:8 ESV*

The Kingdom of God:

The kingdom of God = _____, _____, and _____ of God

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son... *Colossians 1:13 ESV*

"Thy kingdom come"

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." *Luke 4:18-19 ESV*

And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." **Luke 7:22-23 ESV**

The _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

We live in an age with two kingdoms

There are promises yet to be fulfilled

THE INVITATIONS OF _____

Come and _____

He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. **John 1:39 ESV**

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. **Matthew 13:44-46 ESV**

Come and _____

Self-denial vs. denial of self

Self-denial = _____

Denial of self = _____

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God." **Luke 9:23-27 ESV**

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." **Luke 9:57-62 ESV**

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." **Luke 14:25-33 ESV**

Mission in the Old Testament (_____)

Mission in the New Testament (_____)

Jesus' _____

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And Jesus came and said to them, "All 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 ESV

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." **Mark 16:15 ESV**

...and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **Luke 24:47 ESV**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **John 20:21 ESV**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8 ESV

Apostle's (reluctant) _____

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. **Acts 11:19 ESV**

OUR MISSION

Presence and _____

“If Presence Without Proclamation Is Unintelligible, Proclamation Without Presence Is Unconvincing”¹

Presence

“Only where hands are not too good for deeds of love and mercy in everyday helpfulness can the mouth joyfully and convincingly proclaim the message of God’s love and mercy”²

Proclamation

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 ESV**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son... **Colossians 1:13 ESV**

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **John 3:3 ESV**

Local and _____

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8 ESV

Across Cultural Lines

A PICTURE OF NEW HOPE AS A MISSIONAL CHURCH

- Every day, every activity is a chance to be on _____
- Everyone’s Time Talent and Treasure is devoted to _____
- People _____ their lives based on how they believe God is leading them to engage His world on mission with him
- _____ leading their families to participate in God’s Global purpose
- We _____ about the Gospel and _____ as redeemed people to be used by God as He redeems His people

¹ Stuart Murray, Church Planting: Laying Foundations (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 2001), 44

² Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together (New York, NY: Harper & Row, 1954), 100