

Missions Sunday 2022

Embracing God's Heart for the World

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them....and teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." **Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)**

"Jesus said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.**" **Mark 16:15**

I. Introduction

- Being missional requires thinking outside the box---Pro.18:15; Eph.3:20
- Missions efforts require seeing with God's eyes---Mk.6:34; Ps.34:18; Lk.4:16-20
- Missions efforts require intentionality (both personal and church-related) ---II Cor.9:5-11
- Missions efforts require courage and perseverance---Ps.24:1; Ps.2:8;

II. Why Missions---Why Me?

1. As churches and individual Christians, we are all called to live with a _____

*"(Jesus said)...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts (ends) of the earth.**" Acts 1:8*

*"Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. **So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His harvest fields.**" Matthew 9:37-38*

"Many churches today remind me of a laboring crew trying to gather in a harvest while they sit in the tool shed. They go to the tool shed every Sunday and they study bigger and better methods of agriculture, sharpen their hoes, grease their tractors, and then get up and go home. Then they come back that night, study bigger and better methods of agriculture, sharpen their hoes, grease their tractors, and go home again. They came back Wednesday (or Thursday) night, and again study bigger and better methods of agriculture, sharpen their hoes, grease their tractors, and get up and go home. They do this week in and week out, year in and year out, and nobody ever goes out into the fields to gather in the harvest, foolishly expecting the harvest to magically come to them"

2. God Word promises _____ for those who care for those less fortunate.

*"**Blessed is he who considers the poor**; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen that person on his bed of illness; Lord, You will sustain that person on their sickbed." **Psalm 41:1-3***

- **Blessed**---*esher, Heb.*="to be happy, fulfilled, prosperous"
- **Considers**—*sakal, Heb.*="to stop and pay attention to; to ponder deeply"

"...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." **Luke 12:48 (NKJV)**

3. As we continue to press into world missions efforts that the Lord has ordained for us, we can do so knowing that we are literally playing our part in _____!

"After this I looked and **there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.** They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." **Revelation 7:9-10**

"Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'" **John 4:34-37 (NKJV)**

III. What Can I Do-----What Can We Do?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____!

"Any church not involved in the Great Commission has forfeited its Biblical right to exist."
— Oswald J. Smith

"To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him." — John Piper

"A congregation that is not deeply and earnestly involved in the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel does not understand the nature of salvation." — Ted Engstrom

"The Christian is not obedient unless he is doing all in his power to send the Gospel to the heathen world." — A.B. Simpson

"Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion."
— Chuck Swindoll

Answer Key

1. Missional heart
2. abundant blessings
3. changing our world

III. What Can I Do-----What Can We Do?

1. pray
2. go
3. GIVE

