



Gospel Community Notes & Questions

Title: The Practice of Mission

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: The practice of mission is going into your world for the same reason that Jesus came to ours: to proclaim the gospel.

Teaching Notes: Every follower/apprentice of Jesus is called to continue his mission. We are disciple-making disciples. The one thing we're sent into the world to do is to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed so that others follow Jesus with us. Whatever else we do must serve this end.

Outline:

1. The call to mission.

- The call to discipleship is, inherently, a call to mission.

2. The meaning of mission.

- "Mission" refers to the main thing Jesus sends his disciples into the world to accomplish.

3. The essence of mission.

- a. Share the gospel.
- b. And make disciples.
- c. In the power of the Spirit.

4. The practice of mission.

- a. Supplicate.
- b. Share.
- c. Support.
- d. Streamline.



Questions to explore individually and with your group:

1. Prior to this message, what would you have said was the mission of your life? (Not that you thought in those terms, but what was the main objective you were living for?)
2. Thinking about your answer to #1, how was this reflected in your everyday life? How did this show up in the ways you budgeted time and money? How did it show up in your relationships? How was it expressed in other ways?
3. How would you summarize the Great Commission passages (see Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-49, John 20:21-22, and Acts 1:8)? What did Jesus commission his disciples to go and do?
4. Do you think the Great Commission is inclusive of you? Why or why not?
5. What do you think Jesus' mission is for your life right now, today? Why, or on what authority do you think that?
6. How do you share the Gospel in word and action right now? Just in the past week/month/year, how would your peers know from your witness that they should be repenting of sin and putting their faith and hope in Jesus?
7. What are your biggest obstacles – personally or culturally – to sharing the Gospel with your peers?
8. What are your “platforms” for mission (education, career, experience, relationships, etc).. What goals are you trying to achieve with these things right now? How could you use these platforms for Gospel mission?
9. Imagine someone you love with a death sentence receiving pardon. How do you feel about that? How do you leverage that reality to live on mission for Jesus with optimism and joy?
10. What's one practical, specific thing you'll do with the message this week?