MADE FOR A MISSION - EVANGELISM

Matt 28:18-20

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During our 40 Days of Purpose series we learned five purposes of God for us - Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism. Today, we will continue to discuss the fifth purpose “Evangelism”. This is the only purpose we can do on earth and it is common to us all. It is our responsibility to spread the good news of the gospel. It is our mission on earth. We must have both a ministry (to believers) and a mission (to unbelievers). This week I encourage you to look for ways to share the love of Jesus with someone.

The English word “evangelism” comes from the Greek word euaggelion. literally translated in the noun form “gospel” or “good news.

* Jesus: “In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”John 17:18 (MSG)
* “As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." John 20:21 (NIV)
* “The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace.” Acts 20:24 (NCV)

MY 5th PURPOSE IS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS “Evangelism”

* “You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)
* “Jerusalem” = the people closest to me
* “Judea/Samaria” = people near but different from me
* “Ends of the earth” = everybody else!
* “This was God's plan for all of history which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Eph. 3:11 (GW)

COMPLETING MY MISSION

### 1. I MUST SHARE WITH THOSE IN MY WORLD.

* “‘Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.’ So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.” Luke 8:39 (NCV)
* “Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you.” 1 Peter 3:15 (TEV)
* “...God does not want anyone to be lost, but He wants all people to change their hearts and lives!” 2 Peter 3:9 (NCV)

2. I MUST DARE TO REACH BEYOND MY WORLD.

* “Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” 1 Cor. 9:22b (LB)
* “Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law.” Gal. 6:2 (Msg)
* “Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight...” James 1:27 (Msg)
* “I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.” Mt. 25:35-36 (NLT)
* Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over...” Mark 10:29 (LB)

3. I MUST CARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WORLD.

* Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.” Mark 16:15 (NCV)
* “If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” Mark 8:35 (LB)
* “David served God’s purposes in his own time...” Acts 13:36a (TEV)
* “Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power and Your eternal plan for all mankind.” Ps. 67:2 (LB)

The Life We’re Meant To Live

How to Establish a “spiritual BASE” for Your Life (from the Bible)

Believe God made me to love me and to live for his purposes.

“Everything got started in God and finds its purpose in him.” Colossians 1:16 (Msg)

“Long before God laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love.” Ephesians 1:4 (Msg)

Admit I’ve lived for myself, then accept God’s free forgiveness which was paid for by Jesus.

“We’re all like sheep who’ve wandered off and gotten lost. We’ve all done our own thing, gone our own way. But God has piled all our sins, everything we’ve done wrong, on him (Jesus).” Isaiah 53:6 (Msg)

“Jesus personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross so we can be finished with sin and live a good live from now on.” I Peter 2:24 (Living)

“Saving is all God’s idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish!” Ephesians 2:8 (Msg)

Switch to living for God’s purposes in my life.

“Give yourselves to God…and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes.” Romans 6:13 (TEV)

Express my desire for Jesus to be the Lord (leader) of my life.

“You will be saved, it you honestly say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.” Romans 10:9 (CEV)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (Msg)

A simple prayer you can pray:

“Dear God, I don’t understand it all yet, but I believe you love me and made me for your purposes. I’m sorry that I’ve lived for myself instead of for you, and I ask for your forgiveness. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sins. I want Jesus to be the Lord of my life. Please help me to learn to love you and trust you and live for your purposes. Amen.”