

## Kingdom Training Level 7: Finding My Mission

### Lesson 1: God the Missionary

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19)*

#### Class Goals

1. EXPAND our view of "Mission"
  - *Do everything for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)*
2. EXPLORE our mission as Jesus' body
  - *Now you are the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)*
3. ENGAGE our personal mission as disciples
  - *Run the race marked out for us (Heb 12:1)*

#### Introduction: What is My Mission?

Isn't my mission to "seek and to save what was lost"? (Luke 19:10)

Yes, but... God also calls us to live out our faith...

- **KNOW God:** *Now this is eternal life: that they know you (John 17:3)*
- **Take care of your family:** *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives... has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Tim 5:8)*
- **Love the SAVED:** *"Feed my sheep" (John 21:17) and "love one another" (John 13:34-35)*
- **WORK:** *work hard, so you will have something to give to people in need. (Eph 4:28)*
- **Matthew 25:35-36** *Sheep – feed, clothe, look after sick, visit the prisoners*

#### **Our MISSION: Make God KNOWN by living God's way for God's glory**

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| 1. <b>WALK</b> with God    | 3. <b>BUILD</b> Family        | 5. <b>SERVE</b> the Needy |
| 2. <b>LOVE</b> One Another | 4. <b>WORK</b> Wholeheartedly | 6. <b>MAKE</b> Disciples  |

#### 1. God's Mission

*In the beginning... God created mankind in his own image... and it was very good. (Gen 1:1-32)*  
*Be fruitful and increase in number.... Rule over every living creature that moves on the ground.*  
*The Lord God put man in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Gen 2)*

- Man's original mission was to **BUILD** a family, **WORK** the land, and **WALK** with God.

When man lost his relationship with God, God the FATHER became a missionary to

- **REVEAL** himself to a people who didn't know him
- **RELATE** to people as a Father and Husband
- **RESCUE** his children from darkness and bring us into his kingdom of light

#### 2. Jesus the Missionary

*When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion. (Phil 2:7-8, The Message)*

Jesus the missionary came to us on our terms...

- **REVEALED** to us in our language... through living with us and the Word of God (John 1:1-5)
- **RELATED** to us through suffering as a brother... (Isaiah 53:3-4, Hebrews 2:11,17,18)
- **RESCUED** us through an obedient death that saved us from the punishment of sin (Is 53:5)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son... (John 3:16)*

- The Gospel: GOOD News (revealed) of God's LOVE (relationship) and GIFT (rescuing us)

### 3. Holy Spirit the Missionary

Spirit: The inner nature or force within a person that gives the body life, energy, and **POWER**

- God's Spirit = His life, energy, and power that lives in us! He is our **LIFE!**

The Old Testament missionary work of the Holy Spirit...

- *Gen 1:2 – active in creation*
- *Num 11:17 – empowering Moses and the 70 elders*
- *Judges – coming on Othneil, Gideon, Jephtah, Samson*
- *1 Sam – raising up King Saul and David*
- *Kings-Chron – passing from Elijah to Elisha and empowering the craftsmen of the temple*
- *Prophets – promised through the **MESSIAH** (Is 61) and in the New Covenant (Jer 31)*

What is the Holy Spirit's mission?

- **REVEAL:** Represent God in and through us
  - The Holy Spirit **REVEALS** God by transforming our minds to **UNDERSTAND** God and giving **LIFE** to our bodies to live like Jesus (Rom 8:5,11)
- **RELATE:** Comfort, counsel, and convict us
  - Our **RELATIONSHIP** with the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14-17)
    - We received the Spirit who now **LIVES** in us
    - He **ADOPTS** us as God's children
    - He makes us **CO-HEIRS** with Jesus as brothers/sisters!
- **RESCUE:** Empower, embolden, and encourage us
  - He **rescues** the brokenhearted, captives, and prisoners and fills us to make us **RESCUERS!** (Luke 4:18-19)

Learn more about your relationship with the Holy Spirit through the Acts of the Holy Spirit!

**I AM GOD'S MISSION!**