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CHURCH



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I LOVE GOD'S MISSION

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ICEBREAKER

How is your fast going? Do you need any support?



Introduction

- Read Luke 6:46-47. How do you make sure you have a healthy, consistent rhythm with pray, listen, and move?
- Do you think about what God is up to? Do you ask lots of questions and whys?
- Matthew 28:18 explains that we are called to the Great Commission. What do you think is your role in God's plan in the current season in your life?

God Has a Mission and Objective

- When you think of being on mission for Jesus, what are some things that come to mind?
- In Genesis 3:8-9, God reminds Satan that he is not in authority. What have you allowed to have authority over you?
- What practical steps do you take daily to make sure sin/distraction does not have a stronghold over your life? Do you notice the difference between sin and distraction?
- God's mission was/is always to have the "cool of the day" moment with us. What does your "cool of the day" look like? If you don't have one consistently, what do you need to do to create one?

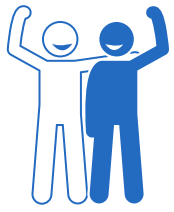
We are a Church on Mission with Jesus

- The Great Commission is an individual calling. Is this the first time you have ever thought about it being a personal call?
- What is the first thing you think about when you hear about the Great Commission? In that definition, does it stop after someone is saved?
- Beyond your small group, who are you being intentional to disciple?
- Do you get uncomfortable when you encounter non-Christians or people who aren't like you at church? Explain?

We Love God, So We Love His Mission

- How do you live out loving God?
- How is loving God's mission different from loving God? Should it be?
- Look at the action items that Pastor Mike gave us to be on God's mission:
 - Attend Regularly
 - Pray Faithfully
 - Serve Joyfully
 - Invite Others
 - Give Generously
- From crushing it (10) to struggle bus (1), how would you rank these in your life?
- How do you plan to grow in these areas?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

God loves the church. The world would tell us that the church is a brick and mortar building with walls, pews, and a pulpit; however, God calls US the church. It is not the building, but who is in it. Jesus came to fulfill his assignment and give us ours. Because we belong to Jesus, we get to be about what Jesus is about! Lost people matter to God, so lost people matter to us! People who are far from Jesus are still his top priority. That means that people who are far from Jesus will always be our top priority! Let us continue to work with God in carrying out the Great Commission.



ASK

Ask the Lord who your 7 would be to share the gospel with. What are the things holding you back from spreading the Gospel? How can the church support you? Are you helping support the church? What are your next steps to either go all in or go deeper? Pray. Listen. Move.



CHALLENGE

Pastor Mike shared a statistic that 90% of Christians have NEVER shared their faith with someone, or invited someone to KNOW JESUS. He also reminds us that it is not just the pastor or preacher's job to spread the Word. This is the assignment of ALL Christians. We challenge you this week to tell someone about Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, we thank You for Your Word. We thank You for simply being the God that never changes but is always up to something new. As we begin this new year, we ask that you help strengthen us and the church as a whole to go and spread the Good News of your son, Jesus. We ask that you fan the flame of the church so we can stay on mission for You and with You. Holy Spirit, let us be sensitive to your voice and have us move when You say, so the ones who do not know you, have the opportunity to hear of your goodness. We thank you for never leaving us and always pulling us closer to you when we stray. You are wonderful, You are glorious, you are God. In Jesus' name we pray- Amen.