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Our Mission

What are we doing here?



John 20:19-21

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

As you start your lifelong journey of following Jesus, there are some things we want you to know about the nature of your salvation. One of the most important aspects for you to understand from the start is the purpose of your salvation. To say it plainly: your salvation isn't supposed to end with you.

There's a real temptation to believe you were saved simply to go to heaven when you die, that your salvation is about you and maybe even just about making you more happy and comfortable. But that could not be further from the truth.

You were saved for the purpose of being sent. God wants to use you to reach others.

This is precisely because you were saved by Jesus, "The Sent One;" and now the natural progression is to live as a "Sent One" because you were saved by THE Sent One.

To give some biblical examples:

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In John chapter 4, Jesus has a conversation with a Samaritan woman where he reveals to her that she is a sinner and He is the Christ. In that moment she sees Jesus as the Savior and immediately runs into the city and tells everyone to come meet Jesus, the one who knows all. (John 4:1-42)

In Luke chapter 5, Jesus heals a paralyzed man and tells him His sins are forgiven. The man immediately gets up and praises God, and all who see him are amazed at God's goodness. (Luke 5:17-26)

In Luke Chapter 8, Jesus frees a demon possessed man. The man says he wants to join Jesus on his travels but Jesus sends him back to his home to tell about all that God has done for him. The man goes as a missionary to his hometown. (Luke 8:26-39)

In John chapter 9, Jesus gives sight to a blind man who immediately goes and testifies about the power and authority of Jesus. When he is questioned about the healing, he tells the religious leaders, “All I know is I was blind but now I see.” This man boldly tells others what he experienced, he believes in Jesus and he worships. (John 9:1-38)

In Luke chapter 19, Jesus has dinner with a tax collector named Zacchaeus who is so moved by Jesus that he declares he is going to give half of all his goods to the poor and pay back anyone he’s stolen from, four times what he took. (Luke 19:1-10)

Every story is the same. Jesus saves someone. The saved one becomes a sent one. They go to people they know and to strangers, they tell their story, they proclaim who Jesus is, they serve and sacrifice, and they worship.

This is precisely what we see in John 20:21 when Jesus says to his disciples after his resurrection, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

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The outworking of seeing ourselves as sent has led our church to become an urgent, multiplying, collegiate church planting movement. That direction comes from a theology more than it comes from a vision. It comes from a verse more than it comes from a voice. We believe God is a sending God, we are sent people, and our church is to keep on sending. We go because all Christians are called, through scripture, to go.

We encourage you to live into this truth and make serving, worshiping and sharing the gospel a habit of your life right away. Living sent isn’t something you do after you’ve been a Christian for a long time, and you don’t wait to be sent once you get every question about God answered. Live sent now. Join the mission today. Go this week to those who need to meet the Sent One.

ACTION STEPS

Who do you want to share the gospel with? Can you think of three people that you'd like to serve and tell about Jesus and your story?

Write out a prayer for those three people and a plan for when you will share with them.

If you feel the need, go ahead and read through the last 2 chapters of this book about Your Story and Missional Living. You'll find them very helpful in preparing to share the gospel.





Discuss:

*What comes to mind when you
think of “mission”?*

*From your understanding, what are
Christians supposed to do?*