

INESCAPABLE MISSION

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One of our five values as a church is inescapable mission. This idea that the mission of the church is so core to who we are that there is no way we can get away from it. “We believe we are reconciled to a relationship with God to join him in his mission of restoring all things to Himself. We give ourselves to being on mission together, joining Jesus in his passion and mission to “make disciples” of all who recognize their “lost-ness” apart from him.” (Ellerslie Values). This idea comes to us clearly in scripture through Jesus giving of The Great Commission. **Take time to read Matthew 28:16-20**

This is the call Jesus has given to the Church; to go into all nations and make disciples and baptize believers. In Acts 1:8 Jesus talks about going to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and all the earth. It’s easy for us to look at this passage and think of the missionaries we support as a church. They are the ones doing missions, but in this passage, we see that each of us are called not only to the ends of the earth but also to our cities and homes. Some people argue again that this is not for all people, but for the apostles to who it was directly said, but in Matthew 28, we read that Jesus will be with us in this mission until the end of the age. Each of us is “on-Mission” in our everyday lives. We are sent, not necessarily overseas or to a specific nation or people group, but to live as sent people, bringing the life-giving words and works of Jesus with us wherever we go.

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES AND RESOURCES

- Luke 24:44-49
- Acts 1:4-8
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Luke 19:10
- 2 Cor 5:20
- [Gospel of the kingdom](#)
- [Is the great commission for every christian?](#)
- [The mission of the Church](#)

The mission and responsibility of the church includes both the proclamation of the Gospel and its demonstration

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QUESTIONS

1. What ideas does the phrase great commission bring to mind?
2. What kinds of things, if any, have you done to fulfill the great commission in the past?
3. How has today’s discussion changes your ideas of the great commission?
4. What might it look like for you to live “on-mission” in your regular life?
5. Who in your life are you praying for? Who are you discipling?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER