

## A people who live out the Great Commission

- Read with me our mission and vision statements
- **OUR MISSION: Share the Living God through worship, witness, service and discipleship in order to bring abundant life to all.**
- **OUR VISION: Empowered by the Spirit we will become:**
- **A people of grace, peace and love**
- **A people who live out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)**
- **A people who are growing in faith, and furthering God's kingdom**
- A definition of live is to make one's home in a particular place or with a particular person.
- Would you allow me to add make one's home with an ideal or purpose?
- When we grow up we usually try to find a career or even a purpose for our lives.
- We make decisions based on what we like to do or have the talent to do or what we feel we have been called to do.
- As the Spirit empowers us we are to become a people that live out the great commission.
- What does that life look like?
- Evangelism is a scary word. When we think of evangelism we think of going door to door or standing on a street corner handing out tracks. I think the great commission is much more than an evangelism program.
- First to live out the great commission we can't just sit back and do nothing. It is not an internal thing. We don't live out the great commission through study and meditation. Though these are important to our own Christian walk.
- Jesus told the disciples that all authority was given to Him and that they are to go and make disciples. That requires action.
- We are sent by Jesus.
- **Luke 10:1–3 (NLT) — 1 The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. 2 These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. 3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.**
- Jesus sent out the 72 and He sends us out too.
- **John 20:21 (NLT) — 21 Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”**

- **John 17:18 (NLT) — 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.**
- Remember we are able to do this because we are empowered by the Holy Spirit
- **Acts 1:8 (NLT) — 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**
- Living out the great commission means to be a witness for Jesus wherever we go.
- Being a witness is simply telling what we know. We tell our story of how Jesus has affected our lives.
- Witnessing is sharing the truth of God
- **Psalm 71:15 (NLT) — 15 I will tell everyone about your righteousness. All day long I will proclaim your saving power, though I am not skilled with words.**
- **John 4:29 (NLT) — 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”**
- I like the John scripture because it is the Samaritan woman telling others in her village about Jesus.
- She was so excited by Jesus she had to tell others about Him.
- Witnessing is everyone’s task
- **1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) — 9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.**
- **Psalm 107:1–2 (NLT) — 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. 2 Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.**
- Witnessing is telling your story
- **John 9:25 (NLT) — 25 “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”**
- **Acts 4:20 (NLT) — 20 We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”**
- **Play Video**
- These kids have shown us it’s not hard to tell the story of God’s love
- The third part of the great commission is to teach the new disciples
- **20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.**

- **2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT) — 2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.**
- A new convert to Jesus needs to be taught the commands of Jesus. They are spiritual babies. When we teach them we have to start with the basics.
- **1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)- 2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,**
- There are different ways of teaching.
- Through our example.
- **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT) — 1 And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.**
- **Philippians 4:9 (NLT) — 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.**
- I think that our example speaks volumes when we teach what it is to be a Christian.
- Can you imagine a leader in the church living two lives? In church they are up standing, showing this perfect Christian mask then they go out in the world gossiping, talking bad things about people in the church? What would that teach the new believer?
- The former director of the Frederick rescue mission put it this way. As leaders what we do in a little way the followers will do in a big way.
- Having a dialogue with the new believers is an effective way of teaching.
- **Acts 20:7 (NLT) — 7 On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight.**
- We need to invest time with the new believers. Allowing to see what it means to be a Christian. Helping them to learn how to study the scriptures.
- To train is to walk with someone guiding them. Not dictating them. We need to give gentle instruction not judgmental attitudes.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) — 11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.**
- **Romans 15:14 (NLT) — 14 I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them.**
- Now we have seen some examples of what it is like to live out the great commission.
- All we have to do now is to go and make disciples!