

Theme: Every Christian is called to be part of God's global mission, radically going out with the Gospel, and radically sending others to do the same.

I. Intro - The Five Paragraph Order

- A. The way Marines passed on the mission
- B. At each level the plan was repeated it became specific for that unit
- C. We have spent the fall looking at God's global mission
- D. Today I want to bring this down to individual level
- E. How can I be involved in God's global mission?

II. The Mission: Three Groups of People

- A. Those who need to hear: the lost

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14

 1. Can't call on Jesus without believing - they are lost
 2. Can't believe in Jesus if they have not heard - lost
 3. People who do not know God can not become part of God's people without someone sharing the Gospel with them
 4. This is true both locally and globally - coming to faith requires someone verbally sharing the Gospel - Christ's life, death, and resurrection for us so that we might be saved
 5. One is not a Christian 'culturally' or by family - there must be conscious agreement with the Gospel and active trust in Christ

- B. Those who preach to them: the believer on mission

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 1. They can only hear if a fellow human shares the Gospel with them
 2. God sometimes prepares the way by visions, dreams, or angelic visits, but ultimately the Gospel spreads as believers on mission reach out to the lost.
 3. To come to faith, the word of the Gospel must be proclaimed verbally. It is not enough that we do good works - we must proclaim the Good News. So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 ESV
 - a. To believe they must hear the Gospel
 - b. To hear the Gospel believers must share with them
 - c. Good works are a powerful testimony to support our verbal speaking of the Gospel, but they can never replace it. Faith comes from hearing the good news - not seeing good works.
- C. Those who send: the believers supporting mission

And **how can they preach unless they are sent?** As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15

 1. God has certainly sent His people on mission
 2. God's people are sent with the Good News that our God reigns over all - death has been conquered!
 3. But Christians are also called to support those who give themselves to the mission vocationally

4. This includes supporting the mission from here to the ends of the earth

III. The Mission: Applying the Word

A. Joining the mission as a radical sender

1. All Christians called to support God's global mission
2. Not just lukewarm support - **radical senders**
3. Aspect of radical sending

a. Learn about God's global work so you can send

1. Read about our missionaries of the month
2. Read Persecution magazine
3. Perspectives class here in Annapolis in 2017

b. Prayer for God's global mission

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:18–20

1. Part of the section on spiritual armor & warfare
2. We are called to battle praying - not narcissism
"Life is war. That's not all it is. But it is always that. Our weakness in prayer is owing largely to our neglect of this truth. Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts in the den." John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad, 45.

3. Pray as spiritual warfare for the mission every day!

c. Sacrificial giving for God's global mission

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19–21

1. Our heart follows our treasure
2. Do I view my finances as a way to support God's mission?
3. Where my treasure is invested reveals where my heart lies! The two are always linked according to Jesus.

B. Joining the mission as a radical goer

1. Some Christians are sent on mission globally

- a. Has God called you to cross cultural mission?
- b. Don't assume it is someone else - might be you!
- c. Even in retirement - can work in many overseas missions to teach English or on short term

2. All Christians are sent on mission locally by God

- a. All are called to be part of a local church on mission
 1. All are called to serve the local church in mission
 2. See Acts 2:36-47; 1 Corinthians 12-14
 3. We use our gifts and also serve to meet needs
 4. Worship team, prayer team, greeters, children's ministry, lead/host small group - all are being on mission
 5. Serve in jail ministry; winter relief, county fair

6. We will have a short term missions trip in 2017 - consider going!

b. All called to personally reach out to the lost locally

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

1. Share the Gospel with those around you
2. Invite during Advent - they can hear the Gospel
3. Invite to Christmas Eve - they can hear the Gospel
4. We will have training for sharing with Muslims ion March 17-18 - come, learn, and reach out!
5. Keep your eyes open - opportunities every day!

C. Mission the mission: the consumer Christian

1. Those who do not join as radical senders and goers are radically disobedient
2. This is consumer Christianity - I want to come and receive, but never give and be part of the mission
3. But this is to try and save our life - & we will lose it! For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25
4. Dead Sea vs the Sea of Galilee - no output is toxic!
5. Join the mission - and watch life flourish!

D. A radical prayer for the mission - and our part!

The Call of Mission - How You Can Be Involved

Romans 10:14-15

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Prayer

Psalm 67

Teaching keywords: Evangelism & missions; great commission; money and finances; prayer

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah

2 that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

3 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah

5 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

6 Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Psalms 67

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