

MADE FOR A MISSION
The Purpose Driven Life, Part 6
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You were made for a mission - along with every other believer
John 17:18 (TM) "[Jesus] In the same way that You gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world."

You need a ministry to believers, and you need a mission to those who are not yet Christians

John 20:21 (NIV) "[Jesus said] As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."
Acts 20:24 (NCV) "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace."

My 5th Purpose Is To Share The Good News - E. vangelism

Acts 1:8 (NIV) "[Jesus] You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea & Samaria, & to the ends of the earth."
"Jerusalem" - my local community
"Judea" - my country
"Samaria" - people in nearby countries but of a different culture
"Ends of the earth" - everywhere in the world

All God wants you to do is be a witness - tell what you've seen & experienced

Ephesians 3:11 (GW) "This was God's plan for all of history which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord."

God has chosen us to complete the mission that Christ started

Completing My Mission

1. I must share with those in my world

Luke 8:39 (NCV) "'Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.' So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him."

If somebody hadn't shared the Good News with you, you'd be spiritually lost
2 Peter 3:9 (NCV) "God does not want anyone to be lost, but He wants all people to change their hearts & lives!"

We must care about unbelievers because God does; nothing matters more to God

2. I must dare to reach beyond my world

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB) "Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him."

God expects us to make the first move
Galatians 6:2 (TM) "Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law."

James 1:27 (TM) "Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight..."

You can do a lot more than you think

Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT) "I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me."

If you get involved in your mission in the world, it will cost you

Mark 10:29 (LB) "Jesus replied, 'Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over...'"

3. I must care about the whole world

Mark 16:15 (NCV) "Jesus said to His followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, & tell the Good News to everyone.'"

Mark 8:35 (LB) "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live."

Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you?

If we care, we must share

Acts 13:36 (GN) "David served God's purposes in his own time..."

If you are still alive, your mission is not complete

Ps. 67:2 (LB) "Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power & Your eternal plan for all mankind."

What Does This Look Like At New Hope?

1. Consistently pray for your friends who don't know Christ

James 4:2 (NIV) "You do not have, because you do not ask God."

2. Connect the events New Hope offers to your friends

Colossians 4:5 (NIV) "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."

3. Look for opportunities to do Acts of Kindness – both planned & spontaneous

Luke 9:2 (NIV) "Jesus sent them out [the disciples] to preach the kingdom of God [good news] and to heal the sick [good deeds]."

4. Continue to grow spiritually so you'll always have something to share about God

John 4:14 (TM) "[Jesus] The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The most dangerous prayer you can pray is "God use me."

My Next Step Today Is:

- I will complete the card, "Friends I want to be in heaven with me," & begin praying for them
- I am interested in being in an "One to One Discipleship" group
- I plan to attend Class 101 on Sunday, June 14th @ 1 PM
- I will attend Class 201—"Developing Spiritual Maturity" and/or Class 301—"S.H.A.P.E. Class"