

ON MISSION WITH GOD

Matthew 28:19–20

Big Idea:

Jesus did not call His church to sit comfortably—He called us to go faithfully, helping people belong, understanding others, investing intentionally, leading by example, and developing disciples of Jesus Christ.

DAY 1 — GO: The Mission Is Active

Scripture: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19

Jesus’ final command was not “stay comfortable.” It was “go.”

Too often, Christians treat faith like a spectator sport. We attend church, listen to sermons, sing songs, and hope somehow spiritual growth happens automatically. But Jesus never intended Christianity to be passive.

The Great Commission is filled with action words:

- Go
- Make
- Baptize
- Teach

Mission requires movement.

The Gospel was never meant to remain inside church walls.

God has strategically placed you where you are:

- In your workplace
- In your school
- In your neighborhood
- In your family
- In your community

You are already standing in a mission field.

Reflec:

1. Where has God already positioned me to be a witness?
2. Have I been more focused on comfort or obedience?
3. Who around me needs hope right now?

Practice:

Pray for one specific person today and intentionally start a conversation with them this week.

Prayer

Lord, help me move beyond comfort and into obedience. Open my eyes to the mission field around me and give me courage to go where You lead. Amen.

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DAY 2 — HELPING PEOPLE BELONG

Scripture: “So in Christ we, though many, form one body...” Romans 12:5

One of the deepest needs in our culture is belonging.

People are surrounded by social media, notifications, and digital connection, yet many still feel unseen, unwanted, and alone. Jesus consistently created spaces where people belonged before they fully believed or behaved.

He welcomed:

- Tax collectors
- Sinners
- Fishermen
- Children
- Outcasts

The church should be the most welcoming place on earth. Belonging is not about perfection. It’s about grace.

Many people walk into church wondering:

- “Will anyone notice me?”
- “Do I fit here?”
- “Am I too broken?”

The Gospel answers with a resounding “You are welcome here.”

Jesus never waited for people to clean themselves up before loving them. He loved them first—and transformation followed.

Reflect:

1. Have I helped create belonging for others?
2. Do people feel welcomed around me?
3. Who in my life may feel overlooked or excluded?

Practice:

Reach out to someone who may feel disconnected:

- Invite them to church
- Send an encouraging message
- Share a meal
- Learn their story

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for welcoming me into Your family. Help me create spaces where others feel seen, valued, and loved. Amen.

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DAY 3 — UNDERSTANDING OTHERS

Scripture: “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...” James 1:19

Sometimes people do not need a lecture first—they need compassion first.

Jesus listened well. He asked questions. He understood pain. He saw beyond behavior and into the human heart.

Too often, Christians try to win arguments instead of loving people.

But ministry begins with listening.

The woman at the well became one of the first evangelists in her town because Jesus took time to understand her story before addressing her sin. People are more likely to hear truth when they know they are loved.

Understanding others means:

- Listening patiently
- Asking thoughtful questions
- Being present in pain
- Showing compassion before correction

You can win a debate and still lose a person.

Reflect:

1. Am I quick to speak or quick to listen?
2. Who around me needs compassion right now?
3. Have I truly listened to someone’s story recently?

Practice:

Have one intentional conversation today where your goal is simply to listen well.

Prayer:

Father, give me a compassionate heart. Help me listen with grace, understand others deeply, and reflect the kindness of Christ in every conversation. Amen.

DAY 4 — INVESTING

Scripture: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Luke 10:2

Mission always costs something.

Jesus invested:

- His time
- His energy
- His comfort
- His tears
- His very life

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Following Jesus means investing in people intentionally. Real ministry is rarely instant. Discipleship takes time.

We often want microwave ministry: “Lord, change them immediately!”

But spiritual growth usually happens slowly—through relationships, prayer, consistency, and grace.

People need someone willing to:

- Show up consistently
- Pray faithfully
- Encourage regularly
- Walk beside them patiently

Kingdom work is often “crockpot ministry.” And the investment is always worth it.

Reflect:

1. Where am I investing my time and energy?
2. Am I intentionally investing in someone spiritually?
3. What gifts or resources has God given me to use for His mission?

Practice:

Choose one practical way to invest this week:

- Encourage someone
- Volunteer
- Mentor a younger believer
- Give generously
- Pray intentionally

Prayer:

Lord, help me invest my life in what truly matters. Teach me to love people patiently and serve faithfully for Your Kingdom. Amen.

DAY 5 — DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

Scripture: “Go and make disciples...” Matthew 28:19

Jesus did not say:

“Make converts.”

He said:

“Make disciples.”

A convert may make a decision. A disciple surrenders a life. Disciples follow Jesus daily. They grow, learn, obey, and help others do the same.

Jesus changed the world by investing deeply in twelve ordinary people.

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Discipleship is relational. Most spiritual growth happens person-to-person. Someone helped you grow in your faith. Now God calls you to help someone else grow.

The question every believer should ask is:

- Who is discipling me?
- Who am I discipling?

The Kingdom grows when ordinary believers intentionally help others follow Jesus.

Reflect:

1. Who has helped shape my faith?
2. Am I helping someone else grow spiritually?
3. What step can I take toward intentional discipleship?

Practice:

Identify one person you can intentionally encourage spiritually this month.

Prayer:

Jesus, make me a faithful disciple who helps others follow You. Use my life to encourage, teach, and point people toward Your grace. Amen.

FINAL CHALLENGE

Who is your “one”?

- One coworker
- One neighbor
- One student
- One hurting person
- One family member

Jesus still says: “Go.” The question is: Will you obey?