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"Witness, Mission, Purpose "



Review:

We're at the end of our "Resurrected Life" series, and we've spent the past month learning about the Holy Spirit, who is God, one of the persons of the trinity, co-equal with the Father and the Son, who plays a massive role in the life of every believer. So far, we've learned that:

- The Holy Spirit (the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead) lives and **dwells** within every believer; bringing new life and **regenerating** our soul.
- The Holy Spirit brings **real change** to our lives through **sanctification**.
- The Holy Spirit **empowers** us daily to live for Him and **equips** us to serve Him.

Let's Properly Define "Being on Mission"

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Being on mission means that we go, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and make disciples of Jesus.

- "of all Nations," but that also means your nation.
- Reaching all families, but that also means your family.
- Regardless of whether He's calling you to reach a foreign nation or to reach the person across the table from you, when He says "Go", go.

If you know Jesus, you are always on Mission. You are never alone.

1. You are saved for a purpose
2. You have the Holy Spirit in you
3. You are an Ambassador

Part I: Saved For a Purpose:

- The reason we are on mission is because Jesus Christ is God, and he died and rose from the grave to save us from our sin.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV) "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—"

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV) "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

- He created us for good works and to live out the gospel to others around us!
- It is almost guaranteed that the Lord used someone on mission to show Jesus to you. And now it's your turn to live a missional life that shares the gospel with others.

Part II: You Have the Holy Spirit In You

Acts 1:8 (ESV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- The story doesn't end at Jesus' resurrection. God then gave us, His people, the Holy Spirit to reach the world.

Ephesians 1:13 (ESV) "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,"

- Today, Christians receive the Holy Spirit upon the moment of salvation.
- When you believe that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead for your sin, you are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. God literally dwells in you and begins a real change in your heart.

Acts 4:31 (ESV) “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

- The Holy Spirit has power and sends you in His resurrection power!

Part III: You Are an Ambassador

2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV) “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

You are an ambassador for Christ - Christ’s chosen representatives, tasked with the ministry of reconciliation.

- World Sphere:
 - We live to reach our coworkers, our neighborhood, our nation, and the world for Jesus.
 - **The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead can reach the nation of Japan, and can reach the hearts of your neighbors.**
- Home Sphere:
 - We live to reach our spouses, our kids, and relatives for Jesus.
 - Sometimes we can feel like reaching our relatives for the gospel is way scarier and more uncomfortable than reaching a stranger.
 - **The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead can reach the hearts of your family.**
- Church Sphere:
 - If we are ambassadors for Christ, then the Church is the embassy.
 - *“A church is a group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ’s heavenly kingdom...”* (“Rediscover Church” Book)
 - We exist as the church collectively to worship the Lord and to shine like a city on a hill.
 - **The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will build the church and equip you with the gifts to serve in the church.**
 - Serving the Lord in the church helps equip you to share the gospel in the other spheres.

Part IV: Potential Questions:

What happens if I don’t know how to serve Him? What happens if I don’t know how to use my gifts for His mission?

- Show up anyway. And **as you serve**, the Lord will show you how you are gifted, and church leadership can help you see how to serve the body.

What happens if I don’t “hear his voice?” What happens when I pray for the Holy Spirit to convict me, and I don’t hear anything? What if I stay really silent, really still, and still hear nothing?

- Remember that the Lord speaks powerfully through His Word, which the Holy Spirit empowers us to understand.
- The Lord speaks volumes through His church. Ask your Life Group, or Christians that know you well.

Small Group Discussion Questions: Main Passages: Acts 1:8, Acts 4:31, Matthew 28:18-20

Icebreaker: If you had to live in a different country for a whole year, where would you go and why?

1. As our “Resurrected Life” series comes to a close, what is one thing that you’ve learned about the Holy Spirit through this series?
2. Who is someone who has shared the good news of the gospel with you in your life, and how did they do it?
3. What is the mission given to the church by Christ, and what role does the Holy Spirit have?
4. 2 Corinthians 5:20 calls all Christians “ambassadors for Christ.” What is an ambassador? Why does this matter and how does that affect the way you see your everyday life?
5. What are ways that you can share the gospel with others in your workplace/world sphere?
6. How can you be a missionary in your home sphere with your family?
7. What is your next step this week, and who has God placed in your life to reach?