



CALLING *and* CULTURE

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Our Calling

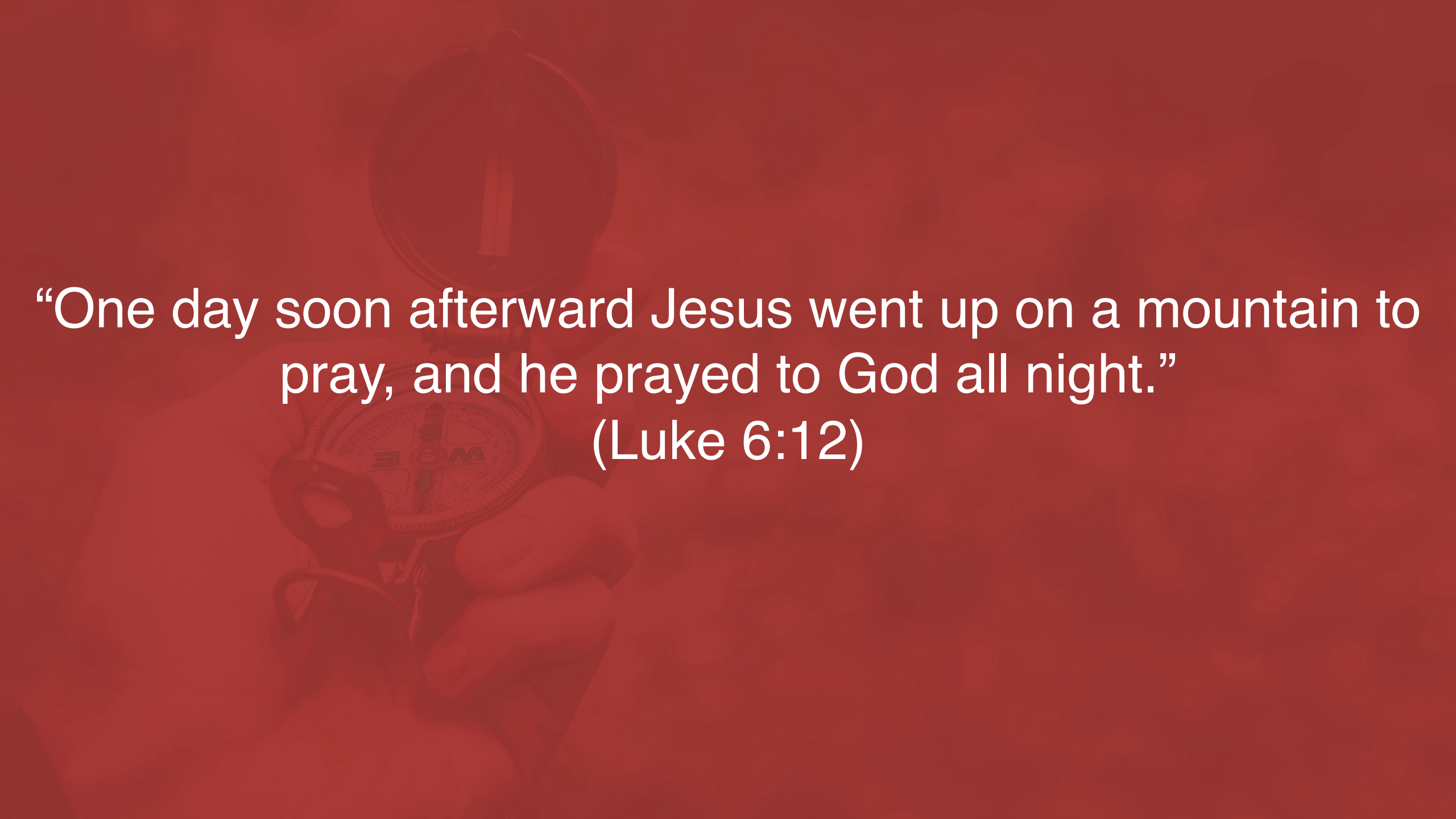
To be a ⁽¹⁾ tangible expression
of Jesus to the ⁽²⁾ World.

Our Culture

- (1) We are a Church of Real People
- (2) experiencing Real Life
- (3) and pursuing Real Change.

Our Core Values

- (1) Connect UP to God
- (2) Connect IN as Family
- (3) Connect OUT on Mission

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“One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.”
(Luke 6:12)

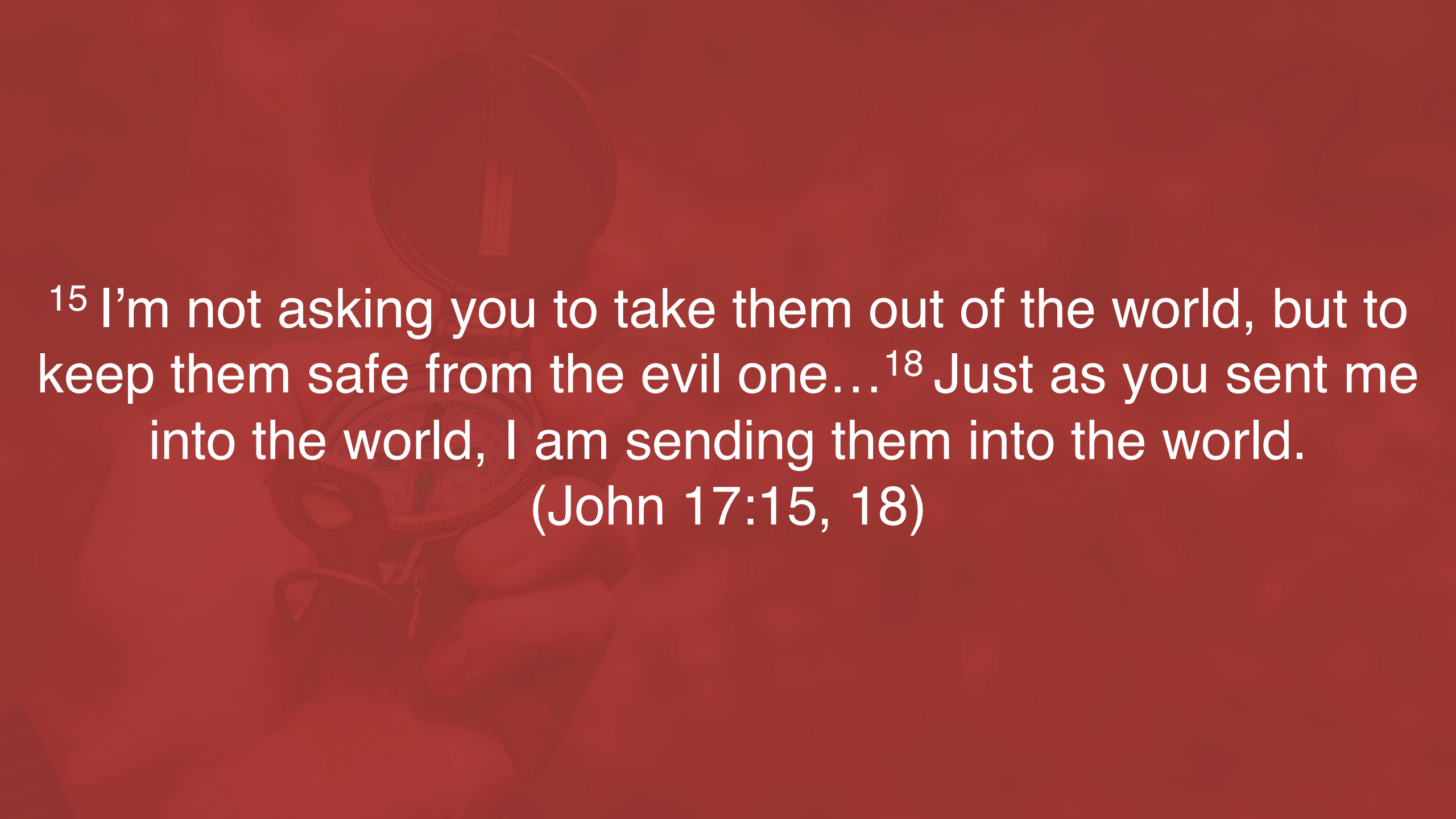
“Jesus was in constant contact with his Father, whom he spoke about in a very personal, intimate, and familiar way. The source of Jesus’ fruitfulness was in his UP relationship with the Father. Jesus did what he saw the Father doing. Jesus also introduced his disciples to this very personal relationship with God, calling us into the same kind of intimacy with the Father that he himself has always known. We are to live out the reality of that relationship always.” – Mike Breen

“¹³ At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter’s brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), ¹⁶ Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).
(Luke 6:13–16)

“¹⁷ When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds.

There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. ¹⁹ Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.”(Luke 6:17–19)

“Jesus never lost sight of his Father’s vision – to reach out to a dark and dying world. Jesus prayed to his Father before calling a team of people to share in the kingdom work. Jesus chose from the larger crowd of disciples a group who would become his friends, and he lived out his life in their presence. But he also walked among the crowds – teaching, feeding, healing, comforting. Jesus did not wait for the spiritually dead to come to him. He went to them and ministered to them at their point of need – and his critics hated him for it.” – Mike Breen

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¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one...¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.
(John 17:15, 18)

³ This is what Jeremiah's letter said: ⁴ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁵ "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. ⁶ Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! ⁷ And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:3-7)

Settle In – Multiply – Serve

“Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce.”

Jer. 29:5

“Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.”

Luke 10:7

1. Where has God placed us where we can connect out on mission?
2. Do we know those God has placed us to live amongst? If not, what effort will we make this week to get to know them?
3. Can we identify three people, who aren’t currently following Jesus, that we love?

Settle In – Multiply – Serve

“Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!”

Jer. 29:6a

“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

1. Do we understand what it means to be a disciple? Can we define what a disciple is?
2. Are we confident and competent in how to share our lives and faith with the lost?
3. How has God gifted you to participate in the Great Commission?

Settle In – Multiply – Serve

“And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

Jer. 29:6b

“⁴³You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:43-48

1. What are the needs of those around us? Friends and the community as a whole?
2. Is there a way we can practically meet those needs?
3. How will we be praying for our city?

A hand holding a compass, symbolizing direction and mission. The background is a solid dark red color. The text is white and centered.

How is God calling YOU
to connect out on
mission?

¹ In the beginning [Jesus] already existed. [Jesus] was with God, and [Jesus] was God. ² [Jesus] existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through [Jesus], and nothing was created except through [Jesus]. ⁴ [Jesus] gave life to everything that was created, and [Jesus'] life brought light to everyone. ⁵

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it...¹⁴ So [Jesus] became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

(John 1:1-4, 14)