

## A Church on Mission Notes

John 20:21-22, Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 1:8

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**Main Point:** Living on mission by glorifying God and making disciples of Jesus among our neighbors and the nations.

### We Are Sent to \_\_\_\_\_ on Mission (John 20).

1. He offered them proof that He was alive.
2. He gave them \_\_\_\_\_ so they would live out His purpose for their lives (vs 21).
3. Jesus entrusted His disciples to go with the gospel.
4. The word "sent" means to "be \_\_\_\_\_" and the word "mission" comes from a Latin word meaning, "to send."
5. The first use of the word "peace" in verse 19 was given to \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts.
6. The second "peace" was given to prepare them for a fresh statement of their \_\_\_\_\_ as initially given in John 17:18.
7. Jesus not only commissions us, but also gives us the Holy Spirit as a companion so we can embody His presence and do the \_\_\_\_\_ He has for us to do (vs. 22).

### We Are Sent to Make \_\_\_\_\_ of All Nations (Matthew 28:18-20).

1. Authority (vs. 18).
  - The word "all" refers to "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - "Authority" speaks of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus has the right and the might to do whatever He decides to do, and to tell us whatever He wants us to do.
2. Assignment (vs. 19-20).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – We are to make disciples in the natural course of our lives, wherever we go.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ disciples
    - A disciple is literally a "\_\_\_\_\_", one who is being mentored by the Master.
    - It denotes "one who follows another's teaching."
    - A disciple is a life-long learner who lives out what he or she is learning from the teacher.
  - Of all \_\_\_\_\_ – the task of making disciples must extend to the ends of the earth.
    - The word "nations" is the Greek word "ethne," where we get the word ethnic and refers to "people groups," not just countries.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
    - Baptism is a sign of separation from the world and \_\_\_\_\_ with the triune God, where we pledge allegiance to the Almighty.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe all that I have commanded you.
    - We are not interested in just filling heads; we want filled up hearts and faithful hands and feet that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Assurance (vs 20).
  - We can count on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus throughout the entire discipleship process.
  - Because we have His assurance to be with us, we can \_\_\_\_\_ His authoritative assignment to go and make disciples.
  - We are never closer to Jesus than when we're doing what He commanded us to do.

## **We Are Sent by the Holy Spirit to Our \_\_\_\_\_ and the Nations (Acts 1:8).**

1. The word “but” is a term of contrast suggesting a “change of direction.”
2. The promised Holy Spirit gave them everything they needed to do all they were called to do.
3. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and without His help, we are helpless.
4. A witness is one who has seen and heard and \_\_\_\_\_ the explosive life-changing power of Christ in their life.
5. Our job is not to be prosecutors or even defense attorneys – our work is simply to be \_\_\_\_\_ who report what we have experienced and know to be true.
6. While He wanted the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit and then to be His witnesses there, Jesus never intended for the gospel message to stop there.
7. We’re to start in our neighborhoods and then scatter to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jerusalem – this was the Jewish capital and was where the gospel was to penetrate first.
  - Judea – made up the southern portion of Israel.
  - Samaria – was the area to the north of Jerusalem where the hated half-breed Samaritans lived.
  - End of the earth – means “remote or extreme.”

## **Thrive in 2025**

1. The word “thrive” means to grow \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In the Bible, thriving means loving God and others, living life on purpose, loving life, and progressing toward a goal despite \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Praying for
  - God to \_\_\_\_\_ us – revitalize means, “to restore something to life or give it new life, energy, or activity (Psalm 85:6).
  - God to \_\_\_\_\_ us – “mobilize” is the “idea that God’s people will work together to fulfill God’s mission in the world.”

## **Questions to Ponder**

1. If Edgewood suddenly vanished, would our neighbors and the nations even notice?
2. Do we love our methods more than our mission?
3. How are we doing at making disciples amount our neighbors and the nations?

## **Mission Ready**

1. “To be ‘Mission Ready’ generally means an organization, unit, or individual is fully prepared to effectively execute its assigned tasks or mission. This preparation includes having the necessary resources, training, equipment, and capability to meet any situation and t be ready to accomplish the mission at any cost.”

## **Action Steps**

1. This week, take one step to get to know a neighbor you have not met before
2. Begin praying for, and giving to, one Go Team partner.
3. Attend the unreached prayer nights.
4. Serve with one of our local Go Team ministries.