

1960s: You're Either a Missionary or You Need One

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INTRODUCTION: Me, a missionary...you gotta be kidding!

Gathered by God

Does God really gather and what does He gather?

- Isaiah 66:18 ***And I...am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.***
- Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, ***“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”.*** (New Living Translation)

(My notes)

Why is God's gathering needed?

- Isaiah 53:6a ***We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way...***
- Romans 6:23a ***For the wages of sin is death...***

(My notes)

How does God gather us?

- Romans 5:8 ***But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*** (New Living Translation)
- John 14:6 [Jesus said] ***“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”***

Sent by God

Living in Christian community:

- Isaiah 66:19-20 “...**I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain...**”

Jesus was sent:

- John 5:37a **And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.**
- John 6:38 **For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.**

(My notes)

Jesus sends his followers:

- John 17:18 **As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.**

(My notes)

CONCLUSION:

So how can you live as a missionary today?

You can live as a missionary in your _____.

You can live as a missionary at _____.

It begins with prayer...

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link clcm-gps.com or subscribing through **Feedly.com** (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: Read *Acts 1:1-8*. The instructions were clear; don't start the mission until God's Holy Spirit is powering it. Once the Holy Spirit showed up, what would the super-natural consequence be? What is your witness at home, in your neighborhood, at work, and beyond?

Tuesday: Read *Acts 13: 46-48*. Who do you think first rejected the Word of God as Paul and Barnabas spoke it? Have you ever shared God's Word with someone who then rejected that Word? How did that make you feel? From this passage, to whom does God desire his Word to be carried?

Wednesday: Read *Colossians 1:19-20*. All Christians are carriers of the Good News of Jesus. We are God's representatives, carrying His message to all people. How does this passage summarize the message we carry? What kind of peace does Jesus bring?

Thursday: Read *Romans 10:13-15*. This is a powerful and popular passage in which we see how it is that people can call on the name of the Lord to be saved. They need to believe in Jesus. To believe in Jesus they need to hear about Jesus. To hear about Jesus someone needs to teach them. Finally, the person who teaches them needs to be sent. Wow! Where do you see yourself fitting in this process?

Friday: Read *Revelation 21:1-8*. This passage gives us a beautiful and fearful picture of the new heaven and new earth that God will ultimately create. Why is it beautiful? Why is it fearful? How can this passage encourage and motivate you to take seriously your role in God's great mission?

Saturday: Read *Psalms 96:1-3*. God's mission has always been to all people, from every nation and language. How does this passage affirm that truth? Take a moment in prayer to praise and glorify God and pray for His mission to be mightily carried out in your life and in the life of your church.