Week 4 All In - with Missions

WE BELIEVE THE SUPREME TASK OF THE CHURCH IS THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ezekiel 3:17-19 (NIV)

17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. **18** When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for[a] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. **19** But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.

If we are "ALL IN" for God's Commission -- the supreme task of the church we must:

1. Look

35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35 (NIV)

2. Pray

Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **Ask** the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

3. Go

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

A. Go to the Nations

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

"And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." Mark 13:10

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come.** Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

B. To the Individual

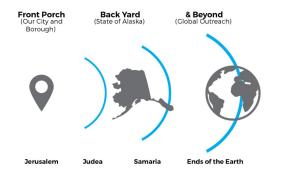
15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all **creation**. Mark 16:15 (NIV)

Creation -- each person

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AT TRUE NORTH WE DEFINE THE SUPREME TASK OF THE CHURCH BY LOOKING AT ACTS 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:8**



How can we do it

1. IF WE DO OUR PART...OUR MISSIONARIES CAN DO THEIR PART

2. IF WE DO WHAT WE CAN...OUR MISSIONARIES CAN DO WHAT WE CAN'T

3. NOT EQUAL GIVING PUT EQUAL SACRIFICE

ROMANS 10:13

13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?[a] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **15** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"