

"World Mission Mandate"

Acts 1:4-8 "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'"

Intro

- **Mandate:** *To put it plainly, is an order, a command, a directive, an obligation. It also means that we have been given permission, authorization to fulfill the mandate.*
- Since you and I are followers of Christ, we receive the mandate gladly and respond with eager responsibility knowing the fruit we will bring forth for His glory.
- Let's read the instructions of Jesus again so that we are clear...
- ***Acts 1:8 "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."***
- He is going to give you power and authority to accomplish this Mandate!
- You will be His **witnesses**... *those have experienced firsthand His saving, healing, life-giving grace and power!*
- What are those 4 Parts of The Great Commission...
- **Our Mandate as Christians is to...**
 - ***Start where you are... Your Jerusalem.***
 - ***Go to others nearby... Your Judea.***
 - ***Reach those beyond... Your Samaria.***
 - ***Extend your influence... Your World.***

Testimony: **Pam Swift**

Testimony: **James Duncan**

- *His Mandate ...Start where he was... his Jerusalem.* The church, community, our fellowship
- **His Mandate**
 - ***Start where you are... Your Jerusalem.***
 - ***Go to others nearby... Your Judea.***
- His hurting lost neighbor nearby and bring the answer of Jesus to their pain, suffering, sin!
- Through your LifeChurch Missions Faith Promise Pledges (*a monthly pledge to give financially to our LifeChurch Missions Fund*) in 2023 we are fulfilling the Great Commission!
- Serving, going, giving, and praying for our volunteers and missionaries in our Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea, and around the world.
- For 18 years of our existence, we have grown our Missions Reach locally, regionally, and around the world through...

Testimony: **Kayla Brockman**

- Our Mandate (Assignment, undertaking, duty, job) as Christians is to...
 1. Start where you are... Your Jerusalem.
 2. Go to others nearby... Your Judea.
 3. Reach those beyond... Your Samaria.
 4. Extend your influence... Your World.
- At LifeChurch, together you can fulfill all four parts of the Great Commission! How? By Praying, serving, and giving our tithe here at LifeChurch!
- By Praying, giving our Monthly Missions Faith Promise Pledge to our LifeChurch Missions Fund to support our Missionaries!
- By Praying, giving & going into our World with the power & Gospel of Christ.

Testimony: **Regina Spitzmiller**

Concluding Thought:

- I trust is command of Jesus, the Great Commission feels attainable.
- Will you pray and commit to being a member our LifeChurch family!
- Will you pray and commit to giving and serving in your Jerusalem?
- Will you pray and commit to giving to our World Missions Fund? How?
- Will you commit to giving a monthly financial gift for 2023?
- I recommend, 2% of your overall over and above the income to the LifeChurch Missions Fund!
- ***Malachi 3:8-10 “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”***
- Then, fill out the Faith-Promise Slip and put it in the offering next week or this week with your first monthly financial gift, or your one-time gift for 2023.

Declaration:

“Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me a heart for your Great Commission! Thank you that I can be a witness for you in my Jerusalem, my Judea, my Samaria, and my world through this Church! Help me and empower me to pray for the sick and pray for the lost around me. Help me and empower me to share your love and your Gospel everywhere. In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen!