WHY JESUS CAME: INTRODUCTION TO PEACE

CHANGE YOUR WORLD: PART 1

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"You are the **salt** of the earth...You are the **light** of the world...let your **good deeds** shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:13–16, NLT)

5 GLOBAL GIANTS

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Spiritual Emptiness	Promote Reconciliation (Gospel)
Self-centered Leadership	Equip servant leaders
Poverty	Assist the poor
Disease	Care for the sick
Illiteracy	Educate the next generation

WHERE CAN WE FIND ENOUGH WORKERS TO SLAY THE GLOBAL GIANTS? THE CHURCH

Why the church?

1. THE HIGHEST AUTHORIZATION.

"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go..."" (Matthew 28:18–19, NLT)

2. THE LARGEST PARTICIPATION.

"Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!" (Ephesians 3:10, The Message)

3. THE WIDEST DISSEMINATION.

"This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives..." (Colossians 1:6, NLT)

4. THE LONGEST CONTINUATION.

"Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:21, NLT)

5. THE FASTEST PROLIFERATION.

"the believers rapidly multiplied..." (Acts 6:1, NLT)

6. THE STRONGEST MOTIVATION.

"A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39, NLT)

7. THE SIMPLEST ADMINISTRATION.

"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us..." (Romans 12:5–6, NIV)

8. THE GREATEST CELEBRATION.

"And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation...In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"" (Revelation 5:9,12, NIV)

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MY NEXT STEPS:
Get in a group.
Get baptized.
Re/Take your next CLASS
101->201->301->401