



# SEVEN STRONG

Seven Strong is an 8-week discipleship journey designed to move us from simply believing in Jesus to truly following Him. Beginning with an introduction to what it means to be a disciple, we will then explore seven essential spiritual dimensions—Bible, Holy Spirit, Mission, Prayer, Worship, Service, and Generosity. Each week helps us grow deeper, live stronger, and become more like Christ as we build a faith that lasts.

## DIMENSION #4 — MISSION

### Key Idea

Christ gave **one mission** to His Church. Because the mission is shared, the language often sounds the same—but the **call is lived, not just stated**.

**Matthew 28:19–20** — Go, make disciples, baptize, teach, and trust His presence.

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### WHY MISSIONS SOUND FAMILIAR

- Churches often say similar things because **Jesus gave the same mission to all**.
- We notice repeated language more once it becomes important to us (often called *frequency illusion*).
- **Words explain mission—but obedience proves it.**

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## JESUS INITIATES RELATIONSHIP

### Jesus Prioritizes the Lost

**Luke 15:1–7 — The Lost Sheep**

- Jesus seeks those far from God.

- Heaven rejoices over **one** sinner who repents.
- What matters to Jesus should matter to His disciples.

**2 Peter 3:9** — God desires none to perish, but all to repent.

**Truth:** People can be lost even when surrounded by others. Lost people need someone to notice.

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## THE CHURCH BEARS WITNESS

### Persistent Pursuit

**Luke 15:8–10 — The Lost Coin**

- Searching continues **until** what is lost is found.
- God celebrates every life restored.

### Bringing People to Jesus

Many were healed only because **someone took initiative**:

- The瘫痪人 lowered through the roof (Mark 2:1–12)
- The centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5–13)
- The royal official's son (John 4:46–54)
- The deaf and mute man (Mark 7:31–37)

**Truth:** Hurting people still need someone to bring them to Jesus.

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## LIVING ON MISSION

**Matthew 5:13** — You are the salt of the earth.

### How we live missionally:

- **Show love** — reflect Jesus.
- **Ask questions** — build relationships.
- **Listen well** — hear hearts.
- **Point to Jesus** — share hope naturally.

## **OUR MISSION**

### **Make Disciples Who Make Disciples**

- The Great Commission is more than conversion—it's **transformation**.
- Discipleship is:
  - **Vertical** — intentional relationship with God.
  - **Horizontal** — intentional relationships with others.

Every follower of Jesus is called to participate.

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## **CONCLUSION**

As disciples grow, they develop:

- Urgency to share the gospel
- Love for the Church and its people
- Compassion for the lost
- Passion to advance God's Kingdom daily

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## **NEXT STEPS**

### **CONNECT** with God

- Personal prayer and Scripture

### **CULTIVATE** spiritual growth

- Small groups, classes, serving

### **COMMUNITY** engagement

- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Media, Greeters, Hospitality
- Outreach events (Easter, VBS, Fall Events)

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## PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

- Conviction and repentance (John 16:8–9)
- Open spiritual eyes (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Laborers for the harvest (Matthew 9:37–38)
- Receptive hearts (Matthew 13:23)
- True peace in Christ (John 14:27)
- God drawing people to Himself (John 6:44)

### Action Step:

- Identify **4 people** far from God.
- Pray for them daily.
- Show intentional kindness.
- Share Jesus.
- Invite them into Christian community.