

2024_5_19 Driven in Mission



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"Mission, then, in biblical terms, while it inescapably involves us in planning and action, is not primarily a matter of our activity or our initiative. Mission from the point of view of our human endeavor, means the committed participation of God's people in the purposes of God for the redemption of the whole creation. The mission is God's. The marvel is that God invites us to join in."
- Christopher Wright

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While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise.

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"Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about: for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days."

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So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

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He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!"
Acts 1:4-8 (CSB)

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For the palace will be deserted,
the busy city abandoned.
The hill and the watchtower will become
barren places forever,
the joy of wild donkeys,
and a pasture for flocks,

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until the Spirit from on high is poured out on us.
Then the desert will become an orchard,
and the orchard will seem like a forest.

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Then justice will inhabit the wilderness,
and righteousness will dwell in the orchard.

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The result of righteousness will be peace;
the effect of righteousness
will be quiet confidence forever.

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Then my people will dwell in a peaceful place,
in safe and secure dwellings,
Isaiah 32:14-18 (CSB)

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I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

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I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances.

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You will live in the land that I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.
Ezekiel 36:25-28 (CSB)

"Waiting rooms seem to be one of God's favorite places of discipleship."
John Stumbo

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To live as a witness is God's purpose for your life.

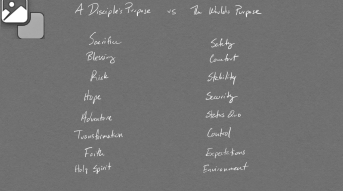
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We have been given the power of the Holy Spirit to live out our purposes as followers of Jesus—to be witnesses of Jesus—for the sake of our cities, our regions, our countries, and to the nations.

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"Mission is the single reason why your life's purpose is different from most of the rest of the world. Christians are unique, in part, because of their intentional participation in the mission of Jesus Christ."
Brit Merrick

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A Disciple People vs. A World People

Seeker	Safety
Blessing	Comfort
Peace	Stability
Hope	Security
Abundance	Stable Gov.
Transformation	Control
Faith	Expectations
Holy Spirit	Environment

20A Disciple v World...

Driven in Mission: With boldness and confidence through the power of the Holy Spirit, we join God's work of renewal by living as witnesses of the gospel through love and acts of justice, sharing and demonstrating the saving grace of Jesus as we make disciples.

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