

### SEEING MY MISSION FIELD

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Matthew 28:18-20 (LB)

*"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 (NIV)

#### ❖ The Mission PLAN God Has Given US:

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1. We will have EVERYTHING we NEED to carry out God's mission plan.

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Matthew 28:18 (LB)

*(God's Power) that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup>Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else in this world or in the world to come.*

Ephesians 1:20-21 (NLT)

2. God's mission plan is that we are to MULTIPLY OURSELVES.

*"...go and make disciples in all the nations..."*

Matthew 28:19a (LB)

3. God's mission plan is that we lead others into MEMBERSHIP in God's family.

*"... baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."*

Matthew 28:19b (LB)

4. God's mission plan is that we are to help believers MATURE in their faith.

*"... teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you..."*

Matthew 28:20a (LB)

5. God's mission plan doesn't end until JESUS RETURNS.

*"... and be sure of this--that I am with you always, even to the end of the world."*

Matthew 28:20b (LB)

❖ The Mission PEOPLE God Has Called to Carry Out His Plan:

*So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But (Your Name Here) 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." <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

Acts 1:6-9 (NIV)

1. God fills His people with the POWER and ABILITY to carry out His plan.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."*

Acts 1:8a (NIV)

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... <sup>13</sup>and become mature.*

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

*So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

Romans 12:5-8 (NIV)

2. God calls His PEOPLE to be witnesses where we LIVE.

*"... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea..."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

3. God tells His PEOPLE to love the "MARGINALIZED" and "OTHER THAN".

*"... and you will be my witnesses in... Samaria..."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

4. God calls His PEOPLE to reach out all AROUND the WORLD.

*"... and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

❖ Closing Challenge: Where is your MISSION FIELD?

*And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.*

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)