

GO AND DO

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." ²⁰And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all the people in the synagogue were intently directed at Him. ²¹Now He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:16-21 (NASB)

❖ Why Missions?

1. It is COMMANDED.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to follow all that I commanded you..."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

"... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

"If you love Me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15 (ESV)

2. It is the HEART of GOD.

"And in your seed, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed..."

Genesis 22:18 (NASB)

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

3. It is what JESUS did.

"Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: people who were blind receive sight, people who limped walk, people with leprosy are cleansed and people who were deaf hear, dead people are raised up, and people who are poor have the gospel preached to them."

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; ²and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering, and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NASB)

❖ Practical Missions (Luke 4:18-19):

- Bring good news
- To the poor
- Release to captives
- Recovery of sight to the blind
- Set free those who are oppressed
- Proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

❖ The So What...

- 1) Do I know Jesus well enough to imitate Him?
- 2) Am I willing to sacrifice everything for the cause of Christ?
- 3) Action Item: Love, forgive, serve, care, stand up... just like Jesus did for us.

❖ Closing Truth:

*For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.
Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 10:33b-11:1 (NIV)