

SEEING MY MISSION FIELD

❖ Three Challenges Related to Your Mission Field:

1. Be there for others because you are INTERESTED and care for them, not there just to make an INVESTMENT.

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)

- After salvation, we are to SHARE the message of Christ with others.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

- BAPTIZE new believers as a public profession of faith.

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

Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

- Make DISCIPLES.

- Teach others the Word of God.

"Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

- Replicate yourself.

And when he (Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me.

John 16:8-9 (NLT)

- You are not alone.

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

2. Be AVAILABLE to others, not INCONVENIENCED by them.

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this:

'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. ³¹The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these.'

Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

- You have to KNOW your neighbor to LOVE your neighbor.
- If we love God, we will love the people AROUND us, and the way we love people REVEALS our love for God.

3. Be a SAFE place for others.

- Our words have the power to TEAR others down or BUILD them up.

A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ⁴⁴A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. ⁴⁵A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Luke 6:43-45 (NLT)

- We are designed by God to WALK with each other, even when life gets HARD.
- Shame will make us ABANDON safe places.

1. Our mission starts at home, then our community, church, city, etc.
2. If you want to go on a mission trip, start with being available now, right where you are.
3. We need to truly care about others.
4. Be prepared to pay the costs of availability and not be inconvenienced.
5. Being a safe place and having a safe place is part of being a growing disciple.
6. Serving where you are, should be a prerequisite to going on a mission trip.
7. My Life, God's Mission, Everyday