

CALLED TO GATHER, GROW, AND GO

When Jesus came near, he spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am always with you until the end of time."

Matthew 28:18-20 (GW)

We are ambassadors for Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

❖ We are called to SERVE (Like Jesus).

"Your attitude must be like My Own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..."

Matthew 20:28 (LB)

A. is for ATTITUDE.

I. is for INITIATIVE.

M. is for MULTIPLICATION.

1. Serving like Jesus means being AVAILABLE when called upon to serve.

Two blind men... shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us!" ... ³² Jesus stopped and called to them. "What do you want Me to do for you?"

Matthew 20:30, 32 (NIV)

2. Serving like Jesus means being GRATEFUL for the opportunity to serve.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here."

John 11:41-42 (NIV)

3. Serving like Jesus means being FAITHFUL in fulfilling your service.

"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do."

John 17:4 (NIV)

❖ We are called to SHARE.

"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)

1. The people in our JERUSALEM/JUDEA... Those in our sphere of INFLUENCE.

"Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you." So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:39 (NCV)

2. With people in our SAMARIA... Those close to us, but DIFFERENT from us.

But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it. However, make your defense with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (GW)

3. To the ENDS of the EARTH... People AROUND the WORLD who haven't heard.

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so He is giving more time for everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

- ❖ God's Promises to us if we are faithful SERVING and SHARING:

The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful...

1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)

1. Your service will REMAIN.

Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (MSG)

"Expect great things from God... Attempt great things for God."

William Carey

2. You'll receive HEAVENLY RECOGNITION.

He will not forget how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your love to Him by caring for other Christians.

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

3. You will be given an ETERNAL REWARD.

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

How is your service?

How is your sharing?