

Series: Cornerstone.church

Title: Our Mission

Text: John 5:17, John 5:19, Colossians 4:2, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Synopsis (For the CG Leader)

This message is part of a 6-week series on Cornerstone's mission and values. Our mission is: *To join God in reaching and transforming people into passionate followers of Christ.* Capitalizing on the new year, I began by speaking about circumstantial changes that we may experience in the new year. This could include things like starting a new relationship, getting married, graduating, etc. and also things we may not choose like losing a loved one, health issues, etc. How we respond to these changing circumstances will be impacted by the 'significant decisions' we choose to make – taking our relationship with Jesus more seriously, investing in our marriage, discovering our spiritual gifts, etc. I also mentioned the significant initiatives we will be taking as a church this year.

Focusing on our shared mission:

To join God – this means 1) God is always working. We need to look for the ways God is working. 2) It's about what God wants. We want to be people who join God, not people who asks God to join them!

In reaching and transforming people into passionate followers of Christ – This is what God is doing. This is what we should be doing. It's the great commission. It's knowing God and making Him known. As we make significant decisions personally, we will also be moving forward in accomplishing our mission corporately.

Sharing:

1. Are you anticipating any circumstantial changes to your life in 2019? If so, what is the primary emotion you feel about these changes?
2. Share any substantive decisions as you've made for this new year.

Dig:

1. Read John 5:17, 19. When you reflect on the truth that God is always working, how can that impact the way you approach your day?
2. Read the Cornerstone mission statement out loud. Discuss the significance of the wording 'to join God...' rather than it saying, 'asking God to join us...'
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What are some ways people can live this passage out in their everyday lives?

Application:

- Take a minute to pray and ask God to show you one significant decision you can make that will move you forward in your walk with the Lord. Share it with the group. [Without being coercive, press in on this so that each person has at least one thing to share.]
- Discuss how the dots of these significant decisions connect to the fulfilling of our mission.
- Pray for one another, especially with regards to any significant decisions people have made.
- At the next meeting, have people share if they took any action with regards to a significant decision they made. If they did, encourage them.

[Note to CG leaders: Taking brief moments to pray and ask God will train people to listen and hear from Him.]