

# Mission on my Mind

There are three things that you are not supposed to talk about at a social gathering money, politics, and God.

Today I want to teach you how to talk about God. Today I want to teach us how to share our faith because trailblazers go to tell people about God.

Let's read this passage from Luke 10:1-9

After these things the Lord appointed [a]seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. <sup>5</sup> But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup> And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Today's title if you are taking notes is "Mission on my Mind"

Let's pray

Have you noticed when you take your kids to the grocery store you spend more money. For Lex when she takes me and the boys to the grocery store... She spends more money. Lex on her own we got coupons, we earning some money back, we got what we need. Me... We got exotic cheeses, we got any new quest protein product and its gone by the time we get home, and we have a receipt that almost hits the floor. Why? Because I go in without a plan. Recently, Lex was gone though, and I saw an instagram post about how we should eat. Here it is... I said no so much.. The receipt was short, and we were in and out quickly. It was effective. Why because I was on a mission. A matter of fact you know my most effective grocery store runs? It is when Lex sends me when I am not hungry to go

get one specific item. I am in and I am out and I am effective. Why? Because I am sent on a mission.

You know why I think many people who call themselves Christians don't talk about God with lost people... It is because we wake up and do not understand the reality that we are sent on a mission to whatever space we are going to.

Notice in the text that Jesus is sending out His disciples with a missionary mindset. Some things to note in the missionary mindset:

1. Expectation/Responsibility
2. What you enter is far less important than why you are there: **It's less about where you are and more about why you are there. This is freedom. Obedience to Jesus rarely requires the right place. It often requires the right perspective. Why am I here? This gives me so much more freedom. Think about Paul in prison. Chains can't even contain the gospel. My job isn't actually a roadblock. My job is actually a roadway. But I have to see myself as sent not as a slave. Could be good to note this is why its important that. WHATEVER APPEARS 3 TIMES**
3. Go/Sent
4. Agenda

Are you living with the mindset that God wants to save people, plans to use you to do it, and can use whatever you do as long as you are willing to set your Mind on His mission?

Here is the mission we should have in mind it's in the text

1. Initiate Conversations
  - a. Peace to this house
  - b. What it means // The idea was that there are some who are already spiritually curious. A "person of peace" is someone who is open to you, open to your message, and open to introducing you to others. The disciples weren't opening doors to win arguments. The disciples were opening doors to see if someone was willing to begin a conversation.
  - c. Illustration // **The best picture I can give to you for this is that of a fisherman. Jesus promised His disciples He would make them fishers of men. A fisherman puts bait on a hook to try and get a bite. A fisherman doesn't yell at fish who do not bite... hopefully... See a random guy out yelling on a boat... A fisherman goes to a spot, sets the bait, and reels it in when there is a bite.**

- d. The missionary focuses on sending out bait to initiate conversations with those who are spiritually curious
- e. This isn't apathy. This is strategy. If you aren't catching fish.. You aren't fishing enough or you got bad bait or its time to go look somewhere else.
- f. What it means for us // "In a 2026 context, initiating such a relationship would involve recognizing and cultivating connection with someone who displays openness to spiritual conversation and influence. The approach centers on genuine friendship rather than transactional engagement. You'd look for someone already receptive to spiritual matters—someone in whom the Holy Spirit is already working—and recognize that your role is to notice where God has already moved ahead of you."
  - i. Once you get a bite. It's time to do part two of the agenda.
  - ii. FEW NOTES TO WORK IN
    1. Don't have to get mad at fish that aren't ready yet
    2. Don't have to force the bite
    3. Don't have to try harder
    4. You are just initiating a conversation to something God is already working on

## 2. Invest in the Curious

- a. Scripture // *And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.*  
<sup>7</sup> *And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.* <sup>8</sup> *Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.*
- b. *To receive was to meet them where they were. It was to lay aside your preference to engage them with the purpose for why you came*
- c. What is this? Notice the Reciprocation element.
  - i. I am enjoying them and they are enjoying me
    1. The foundation is reciprocal care. Starting by showing empathy and listening—seeking to understand rather than immediately sharing your perspective—sets a compassionate tone that acknowledges the principle of reciprocation, where people gradually feel motivated to reciprocate your attentiveness.[2] The person welcomes and receives you, you intentionally invest in them, and crucially, they like you and you like them—it's meant to be genuinely enjoyable for both parties, not relational strain.[1] The goal is that their existing network of relationships becomes naturally exposed to your faith through their influence as a trusted figure in their community.[1]
    2. Before you can experience the evidence of influence you have to be willing to exercise the discipline of investment. The discipline of investment is that I remain engaged with my resources before I ever see an evidence of return.
    3. *The Linger Co Team // When the switch flipped. // I realized I was going from student*

to student and wasn't shepherding any of them. The shift

4. Before someone cares about your agenda they need to know that you care about them

a. Transition: We don't just care for people we also:

3. Illustrate the Character, Values, and Power of God

a. And heal the sick there

b. Once you've built a relationship Jesus says heal them. Now this I believe means literally lay hands on people, believe God for miracles, signs and wonders. And at the same time lets simplify it. This is simply them experiencing and seeing the character, value and power of God on display so a missionary has on their agenda to:

c. I am living Jesus inspired values and character out

i. Illustration of guy being blown away the person who invited him went to church...

ii. Preaching at SB Camp... Wow what a time.. Celebrate this.. Your generosity led to a move of God. Daniel in the book of Daniel... More excellent

iii. Experiential plus Explanation // **Does their experience with you create expectation for an explanation from you. I don't want to learn from someone who can't manage their life. Models and Mentors.**

iv. If their life wouldn't be better, why would they listen to your God. I am not better than you, but your life would be better if you had what I had. I handle fear better. I handle anxiety better. I handle failure better. I handle my family better.

v. Your ability to demonstrate the character of God and the value of God overtime will. Your own authentic presence—shaped by Jesus-inspired values and character—naturally draws such people toward you.[1] Rather than forcing conversation, you'd leverage brief moments of influence

vi. Your authentic imitation of Jesus will generate influence and investigation by them and when they investigate... Next point

4. Introduce them to the Kingdom

5. say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

a. Explain the evidence by saying that is the kingdom of God

i. **Next week we are going to talk about how you speak about the kingdom of God. But this week understand this. Your greatest explanations about God are always going to flow where people already see the evidence of God in you.**

ii. **If you want greater explanations, give God the space to produce greater evidence.**

b. Chris Juracek --- That is because my king is Jesus

c. The disciples healed the sick as a sign that God's kingdom had arrived. You live better as a sign to be able to share the gospel with people so that they can't just be impressed by you but they can be introduced to Jesus through you.

And here is the truth... Jesus says... The problem isn't that many wouldn't say yes when introduced.

The problem is we don't have enough people introducing. We don't have enough missionaries.

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. The curious around Brazoria County are plentiful but the people living with a missionary mindset are few. So here is what I ask you to do this week:

Start running the agenda

Jesus way works

Initiate, Invest, Illustrate, Introduce

Grant I can't are you kidding me.. This passage starts of with after these things

What is it after

3 people come up and want to follow Jesus want to become fishers of men and they are denied. Why? They are denied because they are distracted.

Jesus says distracted people aren't fit to follow me.

You don't have to be the most eloquent, the smartest, the bravest.

You have to be the most focused. To be fit to follow Jesus is to be focused on what He is focused on.

It is to live focused on the mission

**We need more workers because not every place, not every hood, not every business, not every area of our county has a worker working the field. Workers aren't apathetic they are active. They are witnesses not bystanders.**

Today I want to add more workers to the harvest:

I want to pray for two people:

1. Distracted
2. Those who don't know God