


WHY OUR MISSION?

OPENING : *Why are there people camping out at the Art Gallery?
What is this “occupy” movement all about? Why are they doing this?*

ANSWER: *They have a mission! They want everyone to get involved! They believe in their message!*

 **PEOPLE WITH A MISSION ARE KIND OF SCARY!**

They're motivated and single minded. They want you to hear their message. They want you to get involved. They want your kids...your money...your support!!

SERIES THEME: *We exist “To know Christ and make Him known!”*

SERIES THEME VERSE: *“I want to know Christ.” (Philippians 3:10a)*

THIS MEANS: *We are a People Committed to MISSIONS*

- We will continually teach, preach and practice obedience to the Great Commission of Christ.
- We will commit leadership and resources (ie people and money) to Foursquare Missions.
- We will encourage our members (that you& me) to participate in every aspect of missions available to them.
- We will be committed to those among us who respond to short or longterm missionary calls.

TODAY'S MESSAGE: *Our mission is God's mission, our message is God's message,
and our method is God's method.*

TODAY'S TEXT: *Romans 1:14-16; 10:12-17*

1:14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.


10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

TODAY'S  #1: *Why is our mission important?*

I. OUR MISSION IS GOD'S MISSION (10:13)

 *What is God's Mission?*

A. GOD'S MISSION IS SALVATION

 **GOD'S #1 MISSION IS THE SALVATION OF SOULS!**

- Before God created the universe He was committed to your salvation.
Ephesians 1:4 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world...”

 **HIS GREAT LOVE WAS POURED OUT FOR OUR SALVATION.**

Romans 5: 5,8 “God poured out his love ... while we were sinners Christ died for us.”

1 John 4:10 "This is love: Not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

➡ HIS HIGHEST SACRIFICE WAS GIVEN FOR OUR SALVATION.

John 3:16,17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him."

Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

1 Timothy 2:3-5 "This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who want all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men..."

➡ THE #1 MISSION OF GOD IS NOT ABOUT SAVING THE EARTH THE #1 MISSION OF GOD IS TO SAVE LOST SOULS FROM AN ETERNAL HELL FOR AN ETERNAL HEAVEN

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men..."

Titus 3:4-6 "...the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour..."

B. OUR MISSION MUST BE SALVATION

❓ *Why do movements fail?*

ANSWER: They forget their mission!

❓ *Why do Churches fail and die?*

➡ **WHENEVER WE (THE CHURCH) FORGET OUR MISSION WE BEGIN TO FAIL, BECOME IRRELEVANT AND DIE!**

REVIEW ❓ : *Why does the church exist?*

WE EXIST TO DO GOD'S WORK, GOD'S WAY, FOR GOD'S GLORY. (EPHESIANS 2:10; 3:20, 21)


❓ *What is God's work? What is God's mission?*

➡ **WHENEVER THE CHURCH HAS FORGOTTEN OUR MISSION OF SALVATION THE CHURCH HAS BECOME WAYWARD, POWERLESS AND CORRUPT!**

➡ **IF OUR MISSION IS NOT GOD'S MISSION OUR VERY EXISTENCE IS IN QUESTION.**


Luke 9:23 (The context is Jesus describing His mission as Saviour - his suffering, death, and resurrection) "Then He said to them all; "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross (MISSION) daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me (MISSION) will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very soul?"

❓ *Do I want to save my life from irrelevance, emptiness and useless effort?*

TODAY'S  #2: *Why is our mission powerful?*


II. OUR MESSAGE IS GOD'S MESSAGE (1:16; 10:17)

A. GOD'S MESSAGE IS THE POWER OF SALVATION

 *How can God's mission of salvation be fulfilled?*

- His message fulfills His mission!

Mark 16:15,16 "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, whoever will not believe will be condemned."

 *How powerful is God's message?*

 IF ANYONE BELIEVES HIS MESSAGE THEY WILL BE SAVED!

- This was why the early Christians were so excited and motivated!

- They realized that they had the Gospel of Jesus!
- They knew that when the message of Jesus was believed, He saved!
- They knew that the Jesus' message was for "everyone".
- They knew that if people could hear it, accept it and believe it they would be powerfully, miraculously, eternally saved, delivered, set free and pass from spiritual death to everlasting life.

- This was why Paul poured his life into this message.

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 THEY KNEW THEIR MISSION WAS POWERFUL, AND IT WORKED FOR EVERYONE!

B. GOD'S MESSAGE IS OUR MESSAGE

- It doesn't change because He doesn't change!

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."


- We have the very same messages that Jesus and Paul preached! (1:16; 10:13)

 *Does it work? Does it work for you?*


 WHENEVER THE CHURCH GETS OFF MESSAGE IT BEGINS TO FAIL, CORRUPT, HARM, HURT AND FRUSTRATE PEOPLE!

 *Why does the Church lose its power?*

ANSWER: We get off message! ...*We end up with many other messages - some good, some not!*

 IF WE WANT GOD'S POWER, WE MUST PREACH GOD'S MESSAGE!

 *Will we preach Christ everywhere to everyone? (10:13)*

 *What are our answers to Paul's questions in 10:14?*

TODAY'S  #3: *Why is our mission personal?*

III. OUR METHOD IS GOD'S METHOD (10:15)

A. GOD'S METHOD IS MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES


 IT'S PERSONAL. SOMEONE HAS TO GO AND SOMEONE HAS TO SEND THEM!

- God personally sent His Son!


- *The Father sent His best and paid the most*
- *Jesus travelled the farthest distance of all to save us...He came from heaven to earth*
- *Jesus came and lived with us*
- *He suffered the most and made himself vulnerable*
- *Jesus translated the language of heaven into words of man*
- *Jesus incarnated the love of God into a human life*
- *Jesus sacrificed His life for our lives*

- This is called missions!

B. GOD'S METHOD IS STILL OUR MISSION

 IT'S PERSONAL. SOMEONE STILL HAS TO GO AND SOMEONE HAS TO SEND THEM!

- We live in an impersonal, techy, materialistic world.
- We live in a time of prosperity that suggests that money solves everything.

 THE BRUTAL TRUTH IS: **YOU CAN'T DO MISSIONS WITHOUT MISSIONARIES!!!**

*Our stuff, our money, our culture, our gadgets, our programs, our know-how won't save anyone!
You can't do missions without missionaries.*

CONCLUDING : **WHO WILL GO AND WHO WILL SEND THEM?**

Truth is: the moment you walk out the door, the next moment you speak or act you are a missionary of whatever mission you have given your life to. As Kingsway Church, we dedicate our lives to the Mission of Christ, and we support and send those who will go.

Song: Take My Life and Let It Be

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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love - At the impulse of Thy love

Here am I, All of me
Take my life, It's all for Thee

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King - Always, only, for my King

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee
Take my silver and my gold - not a mite would I withhold - Not a mite would I withhold

Take my love, my God I pour at Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee - Ever, only, all for Thee