

Love God Love People: Missions

(Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 4:18-19, 43; Mark 12:28-31)

I. Intro

- A. Last week – stewardship; leading into this week – Missions
- B. God is our example – the first missionary – The Gospel.

II. The Great Commission – given to you and me

- i. **Matthew 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*
- B. What missions is not. - A trip to another country or even county, a job (vocation), something single people do, something super-christians do,
- C. What missions is – Being on mission in EVERYTHING. Have a central focus in all of life – The gospel.
- D. Missions is not ONLY poverty (std. Of living) alleviation (part) but ALSO gospel focused (whole)!
- E. *"Missions exist because worship doesn't"* Piper

III. Our Example: Jesus was sent – You are sent

- A. **Luke 4:18-19** *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*
- B. **Luke 4:43** *"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well for I was sent for this purpose."*
- C. Jesus knew His mission – Do you know yours?
- D. Have you ever thought "why was I born in the United States"
- E. Practically, this works itself out in many ways. Some – foreign countries (short/long term) but ALL – where you are (neighbors).

IV. Being missional in daily life

- A. Love God by being missional; Love people by being missional.
 - i. You cannot do the second without really doing the first.
 - ii. You are reaching someone with something. Is it the Gospel?
- B. missional living – intentional
 - i. Engage the culture – Counter cultural vs. Anti cultural
 - ii. Be a regular
 - iii. Ask God to burden you for a people group, your country (not only when you don't like who's in office), state, city, neighborhood
 - a) Everyone ought to take the opportunity that we have at LHBCB – BBC, Edinburgh, Nic, Haiti, Malawi, Etc.
- C. missional giving
 - i. Understand that I can't reach everyone
 - ii. Some called to stay and send – Some called to go and be sent

V. Conclusion -

- A. God has sovereignly built you and I into His plan.
- B. We need to immerse our lives in His plan and build our lives around it