

WEEK 2:  
WHAT IS THE MISSION?

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## Open in Prayer

Open each week with prayer. This campaign is focused on the idea of living with God's heart for His mission. This is only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit, and must begin in prayer.

## Watch the Video for Week 2 Together

Video is found on RightNow Media, YouTube and [mitchellberean.com/mission](http://mitchellberean.com/mission)

## Small Group Discussion

There are 4 key steps to the God's Co-Mission for His Church.

### 4 Aspects of the Great Co-Mission

1. We have God's authority for this mission
2. We can reach anyone on this mission
3. We will grow and we will grow others on this mission
4. We will suffer, but God will be with us until this mission is accomplished

Our mission statement as a church is as follows:

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In this week's sermon we saw the mission of God laid out. In simple terms, we are called to make disciples of all nations. This mission is found in **Matthew 28:18-20**, as Jesus gave His disciples a commission, which today is known as "The Great Commission."

*"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

This was not simply a game plan, but a style of life that Jesus saw worth living for AND dying for. Ultimately, He has called us to do the same thing. To live for His mission, and to die for His mission if necessary.



# Questions to Consider

## 1. We Have God's Authority for This Mission

What do you think it looks like to carry out our mission in the authority of Christ?

Cross Reference:

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

*(tap on the passage for a link to the scripture or scroll to the bottom)*

The authority is in His Message

## 2. We Can Reach Anyone on This Mission

What practical tools can you apply that will help you be more aware of opportunities to reach "all people?"

Ultimately, LOVE is the greatest motivator. This includes our love for God, our love for others, AND His love for us!

Does love cause you to seek out opportunities to be on mission?

What are ways you can deepen your love?

Cross References:

**1 Corinthians 9:19-27**

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

**1 Corinthians 13**

## 3. We Will Grow and We Will Grow Others on This Mission

What steps are you taking right now to actively grow and be challenged in your relationship with Christ?

What areas of your walk with Christ, if any, hinder you from stepping into the role of "teaching others?"

Cross Reference:

**Hebrews 5:11-6:3**

## 4. We Will Suffer, But God Will Be With Us Until This Mission Is Accomplished

Are there any areas of your life that God is calling you to sacrifice in order to be "on mission," but you are scared you may suffer or "miss out?"

Does the thought of persecution ever drive you away from sharing the Gospel or holding others accountable?

Cross Reference:

**Philippians 3:7-11**



## Group Fellowship & Prayer

**Discuss.** As you pray and discuss this week's sermon and questions with one another, please try to be vulnerable.

**Pray.** Spend some time exchanging prayer requests and minister to one another's needs.

**Hang out.** Getting to know one another is a vital part of obtaining God's heart to strengthen the church and reach the lost.

## Weekly Challenge

**Become Confident in Christ's Authority and Love.** Take some time each morning this week and think about where your confidence comes from. It is one thing to get excited to be "on mission," it is another thing to be empowered by the Holy Spirit with confidence and love from heaven. Our confidence can not be emotional, situational, or in our own ability and knowledge. As you seek God on where your confidence lies, write down any "false areas of confidence," that you find in your own heart. Share this with an accountability partner and ask them to pray for you to replace those areas with the authority and heart of Christ.



## Week 2 Cross References

**Hebrews 4:12-13** *“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.”*

**1 Corinthians 9:19-27** *“Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21** *“Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”*



**1 Corinthians 13** *“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”*

**Hebrews 5:11-6:3** *“There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don’t seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn’t know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don’t need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.”*

**Philippians 3:7-11** *“I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!”*

