

# living a missional life

## A Life Changing Vision

### 1. Christians or "little Christ"

- to carry on the work that He began
- Matt 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- John 13:14 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

### 2. Become fishers of Men

- Luke 5:1-11 <sup>3</sup>So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." <sup>5</sup>"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." <sup>6</sup>And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! <sup>7</sup>A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. <sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." <sup>9</sup>For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. <sup>10</sup>His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" <sup>11</sup>And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.
- What are you fishing for or what is your pursuit in life?
- Once you begin to catch these kinds of fish everything else becomes like scooping Gold fish at Walmart!

### 3. Circle of Comfort

- Jesus' life was not of worldly comfort
- Luke 22:41-45 <sup>41</sup>And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup>And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and

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found them sleeping for sorrow,

- 2 Corinthians 1- Look to God for comfort
- Bill Hybels, "I really don't think Christ came, ministered, even died, for the sake of giving us a calm, tranquil, easy life. A smooth, silent, serene float along existence on the waters surface."

## 4. Get Started

- Matt 22:36-40 [Great Commandment] <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."
- This call is for everyone!
- No Prequalification
- Luke 5:27-32 [Story of Matthew the Tax Collector] <sup>27</sup>Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. <sup>28</sup>So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. <sup>29</sup>Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. <sup>32</sup>I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

*Evangelism is not a branch of the church it is a job that every branch should carry out!*

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