

5. How does Jesus sync our hearts to God's missionary heart?

6. How is God calling you to live more missionally for him in your everyday life?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

Missional Application

God calls us to represent Jesus in mission as we offer His forgiveness to the world.

Christ Connection

The Bible portrays God the Father sending his Son, God the Son sending his people into the world, and the Father and the Son sending the Spirit to empower us for mission. As Christians, we are a sent people who are being formed in the image of our sending God and our suffering Savior.

Jesus the Risen King (Part 2)

"Why Living Missionally is a Faith Essential"

John 20:19-23

Bottom line on v. 23: Only God forgives and Christians participate in his work by proclaiming his forgiveness for those who turn to God and by proclaiming the consequences of not turning to God and what he's done for us in Christ.

Jesus' Mission for Us

The Great Commission is not just for super Christians; it's for ordinary Christians.

Our mission has to do with helping others experience peace with God and the forgiveness of their sins through what Jesus did through the cross and resurrection.

Why Living Missionally is a Faith Essential

1. **Our hearts have been synced to God's missionary heart.**

God is a sending God.

Jesus doesn't just send us. He syncs us to God through the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus breathes on them, he's recreating them!

Jesus blowing on them and then giving them God the Holy Spirit is a re-syncing to God—his heart, his rhythms, and his desires. God is a missionary God. We can't be in sync with him and not get that.

To say you are a Christian but not a missionary for God is like saying you follow Jesus but have no intention to grow in love for people.

2. What God does for us is more than personal.

We are not only beneficiaries of peace, we are participants in bringing peace on earth.

3. Missional living shapes our hearts' desires.

God has designed you in such a way that in the very act of going your heart is being transformed.

Family Discussion Questions

1. Why are we called to be on mission for God, his missionaries wherever we go?
2. What are some practical steps our family can take this week to live on mission in our own schools, jobs, communities, and so on?
3. What are some adjustments our family may need to make in order to live more focused on God's mission?

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How is getting out of sync with God like getting out of sync with a spouse or best friend or boss?
3. Read John 20:19-23. Imagine yourself in the room when Jesus appears. How do you feel? What's going through your mind? How do his words strike you?
4. What does Jesus mean when he says that he is sending us, comparing it to the Father sending him?