

6. How would you describe our mission today to a motivated, Christ-following 13-year-old based on the following passages?

Matthew 28:18-20: "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Ephesians 6:19-20: "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Colossians 4:5-6: "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

1 Peter 3:15-16: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

7. What's one of your strengths and one of your challenges when it comes to sharing the gospel message with people far from God?

The Mission

"Who, me?"

Matthew 10:1-8

Our mission is to declare with words and demonstrate with works the good news of God's grace in Christ in our everyday lives.

"Who, me?"

"Yes, you."

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:8

If you follow Jesus, you are on a _____.

"Why me?"

"Disciple" - To be a disciple means to be a _____.

"Apostle" - In the New Testament, an "apostle" can simply be an _____, meaning, a messenger or representative.

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



“Apostle” can also refer to special _____ with the highest authority—limited to the 12 disciples and extended to Paul because Jesus personally chose him in a vision.

“Twelve” - Jesus connects “twelve” apostles to “twelve” _____ of Israel in Matthew 19:27-38.

1. It’s the way God _____.

_____ of leadership is central to discipleship and leadership in the Bible and is part of the reason the Bible is filled with so much leadership wisdom.

Some disciples are _____ people whom God will use in extraordinary ways. Some are extraordinary, people to whom much is given and much is expected (Luke 12:48). Embrace whichever you are, and let God shine in you and through you.

2. It’s not just _____.

Jesus never chose to disciple _____ people who listened and learned at a distance. He connected disciples to other disciples and to himself. To both. To the community of disciples and to himself.

3. You have a _____ mission field.

None of the pastors in this church or even the greatest evangelists have your _____ in the world.

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. What’s one of your favorite “teams” you’ve ever belonged to (e.g., a sports team, work group, serving team, etc.)?
3. Read Matthew 10:1-8. Closely observing the text, looking at the details, and looking for possible patterns within the text or links to other passages are helpful skills in Bible reading, reflection, and study. What do you observe in the listing of the disciples in 10:2-4? Some of your observations might need to be stated as questions or hunches.
4. Jesus will not go with the disciples on this mission, but how is he equipping and resourcing them for it in these verses?
5. How might you have felt if you had been in their sandals?