



“Designed for Mission” Pastor Notes Week 6

The fifth LifeDEFINING purpose: The mission we were designed for defines our lives.

John 17:18 (Msg.) “In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world I give them a mission in the world.”

John 20:21 (NIV) “As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.”

Acts 20:24 (NCV) “The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to tell people the good news about God’s grace.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV) “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

Three ways I can complete my LifeDEFINING Mission.

1. Take the Good News into my personal world.

Luke 8:39b (NIV) “So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.”

Romans 10:13-14 (TLB) “13 Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 But how shall they ask him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

2. Take the Good News beyond my world.

In 2 Corinthians 9:22b (TLB) “Whatever a person is like I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

James 1:27a (NIV) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.....”

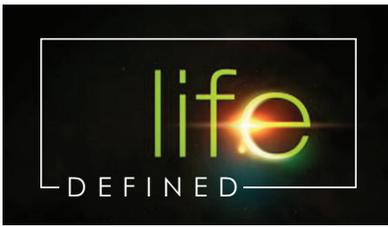
Mark 10:29 (LB) “...‘Let Me assure you that no one has ever given up anything for the love of Me and to tell others the good news [that’s all about our mission] who won’t be given back a hundred times over.’”

3. Take the Good News into the whole world.

Mark 16:15 (NIV) says, “Go into the world and preach the good news to all of creation

Mark 8:35 (LB) “Jesus said, ‘If you insist on saving your life you will lose it. Only those who throw their lives away for My sake and for the sake of the good news will ever know what it means to really live.’”





“Designed for Mission” Small Group Discussion Week 6

Jesus said in a prayer to His Father. John 17:18 (Msg.)“In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”

Q. Who is Jesus referring to when He says “I give them a mission in the world”?

Q. How do you feel about being designed for a mission?

Q. What does being on mission mean to you?

Discuss this statement: In the Christian context, a ministry is for people who know Jesus and a mission is for people who don't know Jesus.

Our LifeDEFINING mission according to Paul is to share good news.

The apostle Paul said in Acts 20:24 (NCV) “The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace.”

Q. What is the good news Paul is referring too?

Q. Does everyone want to hear good news?

In Acts 1:8 (NIV) Jesus is speaking, He says, “You (referring to people who have come into relationship with God) will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

Q. What is a witness and what does a witness share?

Jesus said “you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

- **Discuss** your LifeDEFINING mission at home. (Jerusalem & Judea)
- **Discuss** your LifeDEFINING mission to people who are different than you. (Samaria)
- **Discuss** your LifeDEFINING mission to the whole world. (Ends of the earth)

Discuss again these words of Jesus below in the context of your LifeDEFINING mission.

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A test of four possible responses to the great commission:

- You can say like Moses, “Who me?”
- You can say like Jonah, “Not me!”
- You you can say like Habakkuk “Why me?”
- You can say like Isaiah, “Send me.”

Isaiah 6:8 (TLB) “8 Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go?” And I said, “Lord, I'll go! Send me.”

Q. What is your greatest challenge in fulfilling your LifeDEFINING mission?

Jesus said to His followers in Matthew 28:18-20 (TLB) “18 “I have been given all authority in heaven and earth.19 Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”

Q. If Jesus sends us on mission under His authority is fear a legitimate emotion?

Q. Can we trust in Jesus promise to be with us even to the end of the world?

