

Renew Our Mission

MATTHEW 28:18-20; ACTS 1:8

18 Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

BIG IDEA: God isn't calling us to settle into a building, but to step into His mission — helping people find life in Jesus and follow His path in life.

FOUR MOVEMENTS TO BE A MISSIONAL CHURCH

1 Remember Who We Follow – Before we move, we must bow—the mission begins with the Master.

(Matthew 28:18) "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

Jesus isn't just the focus of our mission — He's the leader of it. The One in charge.

We don't volunteer just to fill a slot; we join the mission because Jesus reigns and He's invited us to be part of His redemptive story.

As we step toward opening those doors, let's remember: this is His church.

He's the One who called us.

He's the One who builds it.

He's the One who sends us out.

Ask: "Where is Jesus leading me to serve?"

2 Recommit to Why We Exist — The church doesn't exist for us, we exist for the world.

(Matthew 28:19–20) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you."

"Make disciples" defines the mission.

It's not about producing converts or church attenders — it's about forming Christlike people.

The early church saw this as a lifelong process:

- **Conversion** → through the gospel.
- **Identification** → through baptism.
- **Formation** → through teaching and obedience.

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"Going" — where it happens
"Baptizing" — how new believers identify with Jesus
"Teaching" — how they grow to live like Jesus
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We encapsulate the mission this way: *LifePath Church exists to help people find life in Jesus and follow His path in life.*

The building isn't the goal — people are.

We need every person to own this mission!

③ Rely on the Power of the Spirit – We can build the place, but only the Spirit can build the people.

(Acts 1:8a) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you..."

The Spirit indwells the believer—all the power we need to do the mission is already inside us.

God doesn't call the equipped—He equips the called.

The same Spirit who empowered the first believers empowers us for this next season.

Before we move in, we must pray that the Holy Spirit fills us — not just the rooms we'll soon occupy.

You are part of the mission—and the Spirit will help you do your part.

4 Reach Out to the World Around Us — The Spirit moves us outward—from these walls to our world.

(Acts 1:8b) "...you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

That's not random geography; it's a roadmap.

- *Jerusalem* = your home, family, neighborhood.
- *Judea* = your community, your city.
- *Samaria* = the places and people who are different from you.
- *Ends of the earth* = everywhere God opens a door.

The mission always starts right where we are and moves outward.

Our Jerusalem begins the moment we walk out these doors.

You are not a bystander in God's story; you are a witness in it.

When we open those doors, let's make sure the people who come in don't just see a building — but see a people ready to love them

NEXT STEPS

- 1. **Pray** for God's mission to advance. *Pray that the Spirit fills us, leads us, and uses us for His glory.*
- 2. **Participate** in God's mission personally. *Every believer has a role. Every ministry needs hands and hearts.*
- 3. **Proclaim** the hope of Jesus publicly. When the Spirit moves in us, the mission moves through us.