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### **Purpose: My Mission**

***“We are ordinary people doing extraordinary things  
and making a difference together through the power of  
the Holy Spirit wherever we are!”***

—Abraham David John

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family  
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is  
what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*  
Ephesians 1:5

Now that you are part of the family, your mission becomes the same as your family's; your Father's mandate becomes your mandate too! So if you don't take your mission seriously, then who will?

*“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on 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? And how will anyone go and tell them without being SENT? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!’”*  
Romans 10:13–15 NLT

Thus, God has given each of us a job to carry forward!

*“Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. Then God gave us the work of bringing others into peace with him.” 2 Corinthians 5:18 (ICB)*

‘Necessity is the mother of invention’, thus the purpose always comes before the product; not the other way round. Nobody invents a cell phone and then comes up with a purpose for that. Every invention till date has had an undeniable purpose for which it was created. Thus, it’s a complete no-brainer that God had a purpose for each of us even before creating us.

Your purpose is as unique as you are. Imagine a jigsaw puzzle with one missing piece! It isn’t intact without every piece in its place. Similarly, each of us has a small but significant part to play in the bigger picture, which will never be complete without you.

Jesus, following His resurrection, clearly stated that we are here with the same mandate as His.

*“Jesus said, ‘PEACE be with you! As the Father has SENT me, I am **SENDING you** ...” John 20:21 (NIV)*

So, what was His job, is now our job too! This is the primary reason why we are doing this Discipleship course that we will have a better understanding of what Jesus did. And what He expects us to do.

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and **APPOINTED YOU TO GO** and bear fruit – fruit that will last.” John 15:16 (NIV)*

We’ve got work to do! But let’s not forget the other side of the coin – bearing fruit. Staying focused about our mission and bearing good fruit should go hand in hand. But the sad truth is, many have failed to grasp this. It is not about how good you can

preach, teach, worship or play music, but about whether or not you bear fruit that will last.

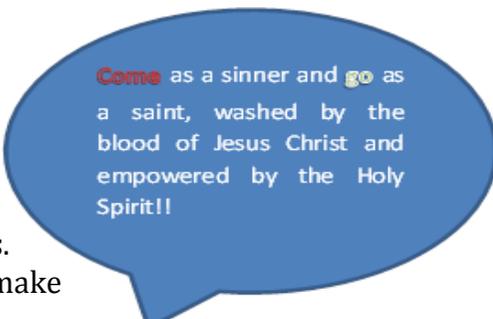
This balance in Christian life is very essential for it is important to not only do the mission work but also live our life as a good testimony bearing good fruit. What is more important to God is not how well you behave inside the church but when no one is watching you. This becomes your testimony!

About the mission work, you don't have to panic, He is not going to send you empty-handed, but with the **power** to carry out the mission!

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*  
Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

The two most important verbs used by Jesus – much needed for every disciple – are 'come' and 'go'. If you have 'come' to know Christ, then obviously you need to 'go' as well. But when you go, you are not going alone but with HIM – with *power* and *authority*!

One of the biggest issues that Christendom has to fight with is the fact that we are only making believers, and not disciples. Jesus' command was to make disciples, not just believers!



**Come** as a sinner and **go** as a saint, washed by the blood of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit!!

We all now know that a disciple is one who not only listens to the word of God but also obeys it. As mentioned in verse 20 previously, it is clear that we are to observe *all* things that He has commanded us!

And God has bestowed upon us the power to be His witnesses through the gift of His Holy Spirit!

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NKJV)*

The two most important words from the above two verses are

- Power
- Authority

*Power* is the ability to do things with the strength you have. The definition goes like this: the ability of a person or a group to influence the beliefs and actions of other people. It is the ability to influence events. Power can be personal power. A person gets his personal power from his personality or from his expert knowledge. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, programmers, etc., get their power from their expertise and professional knowledge. Power can also be legitimate or official power. This power comes from a higher authority.

*Authority* is the right you have over the one who has the power. Its definition goes as thus: the right given to a manager to achieve the objectives of the organisation. It is a right to get the things done through others. It is a right to take decisions. It is a right to give orders to the subordinates and to get obedience from them. A manager cannot do his work without authority.

Thus, Jesus has not only empowered you with the Holy Spirit but has also defeated death by dying on the cross, thereby giving you authority over every demonic power.

### **Our Threefold Mission**

1. **Personal** – my personal mission to the people in my life.  
(Jerusalem)
2. **Local** – my small group’s mission to others in our area.  
(Judea & Samaria)
3. **Global** – our church’s mission to the entire world! (Ends of the Earth)



Jerusalem is where you live. Say, Harrow, London, United Kingdom, then London becomes your Jerusalem. But your responsibility does not end there, it just starts here and then spreads to the ends of the Earth.

We each play different but vital roles in the kingdom of God; the crux is understanding this. The world is our common mission field. And the question is, am I doing my part right in the greater plan of God? Only when you understand this, will you be able to associate with other believers and churches for the expansion of the kingdom. But when we fail to see the bigger plan of God, we start building our own small kingdom in which we place either ourselves or others as the king. This is why we have so many petty unworthy theological arguments dividing the church of Jesus Christ today.

My personal plea for everyone who is doing this Discipleship course is that you will play your part in the bigger plan of God and work with others in building HIS Kingdom, not anybody else's.

As God puts it,

*"It will all happen as I have planned. It will come about according to my purposes ... I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world." Isaiah 14:24 &26 (NLT)*

How can I achieve this Mission?

## 1. Pray and Send

I can't emphasize enough the importance of prayer before doing anything. For through prayer we understand His plan. It is a two-way communication where you make your requests known to God and hear from Him on them. Prayer is like breathing, without which you will die spiritually.

*"Jesus said, 'There are so many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. PRAY to the Lord, who owns the harvest, that he will SEND OUT more workers to gather his harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38 (NCV)*

Also, look at Luke 10:1-2.

Your prayer can save someone from heading towards hell. Is there a burden in your heart for those lost souls. Despite the price being paid in full by Jesus, their eyes are still blinded. It is all about the burden for those people who have not come to know the truth. But if this is missing, you should ask yourself whether you have truly tasted the love of God in your life. God loved you and sent His only Son to die so that He can redeem you! What are you going to do?

## 2. Partnership in Mission

*"We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth." 3 John 1:8 (GW)*

*"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8 (NIV)*

There are places you cannot go personally to reach out. In such cases, extend your prayer to those who go about doing the mission. You don't have to stop here with just prayer, you can

even partner with such missionary organizations and extend your support.

But what about the places that you can personally go? Say your neighbourhood in Harrow. There are myriad ways in which you can evangelise these people around you. You can reach out to someone in your supermarket, GP office, parks and play areas, etc. Carrying tracts or small Bibles and sharing the Gospel would help. You could also offer to pray for their personal requests. Speaking of prayer, we have recently started 'Cornelius challenge' in our Church so that we can pray for our near and dear ones.



Therefore, bear witness in your area, for sending others is only applicable where you cannot go!

### 3. You Are the person

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”* Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

*“Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind!”*  
Psalm 67:2 (LB)

*“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* Revelation 1:5–6 (NKJV)

Each of us is a minister of God, says the New Covenant. And though there are specific offices for ministering to the body of Christ, the overall work needs to be done by every single believer. However, people still live in the Old Covenant thinking that the pastors will do the work since they are paying for him. But the biggest mistake here is our lethargy and thinking that we have people employed to carry out the mission of God. It’s not true and it was never meant to be like that. Yes, there are some who are called specifically for certain ministry, but we are never to forget that each of us is called to be a minister of God.

Having said that, World Christian Fellowship will never employ anyone to carry out the work of God. The reason being that many well-meaning committed Christians who started well by the ability and anointing they had received from God weren’t able to continue in their course due to deviation once money became involved.

*And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

Thus, the moment you reconcile with God, your ministry starts – bringing to Him those who haven't reconciled yet. He asks us to plead with others to be reconciled to Him.

#### **4. Your Personal Testimony**

*"Jesus said 'Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.' So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:39 (NCV)*

Countless arguments crop up when you start preaching to someone about Christ. But NONE can refute your personal testimony that you share with others because it's your life – you have experienced it. So always be prepared with a 5-minute snippet of your life's testimony that you can share on the go anywhere you go.

In the above passage from Luke, a demon-possessed man living in a cemetery who was cutting himself and running around naked gets healed by Jesus. After deliverance, he clothes himself and sits in the midst of people in right mind.

What does Jesus ask him to do? “Go and tell all the people what the Lord has done.” Imagine just for a moment what his message would be? How many verses will he be able to quote from the Scripture? How many theological points will he be able to answer? How will he carry out his mission?

However, you will be surprised to hear that history records he went out preaching the gospel and converting many unto Christ, and he even planted a church, which was unearthed recently. How did he do that? He became **the message** and life his **testimony** of what the Lord had done.

Let me reiterate here, “You are the witness of Christ.”

And so my dear brothers and sisters, let us

*“Work at bringing others to Christ.” 2 Timothy 2:10 (NLT)*