Homeroom 2021 **– Wk 1 – The Commission**

**Bell rings (sound effect) As some are going back to school – so are we… welcome to home room…**

**\*\*\* School started - Prayer for Students, teachers, educators**

**How many remember homeroom? Place day started, attendance, met people, got schedules, check out the syllabus, met w/ the counselor…**

**Next few weeks we are going to meet the counselor (HS) in the homeroom and see what God is up to in our church. Going to meet people, get the schedule, and study the Lord’s syllabus.**

**Air can – time to clean out the dust keeping the mission fresh.**

**When Jesus called disciples he said, “Come and I will make you fishers of men” Jesus is talking in their language - you catch fish now, follow me and you will catch people – Lit – you’ll be “people who will draw in people”**

**Today something that is very passionate for me.**

**AKA the great commission (all 4 gospels) Matthew 28:19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**Jesus lived this mission – before he gave it. Here is an example.**

**John 4:34 - “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (Jesus is saying the mission is urgent. How would you define urgent? Something you have to do now or demands attention? What wins your demands?)**

**We can't grasp what he's saying unless we rewind… John 4:1 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John; 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.**

**What the mission is not! (Understanding the Mission)**

**1. The Mission is not about - a contest for converts (vs. 3)**

**Jesus is not interested in a convert contest with Johnny B down the street.**

**"Well, He baptized 20 – we need to do 30"**

**Many churches see each other as competition - 8 mil in DFW, 240,000 in Garland - plenty of people. This was never about competing for people or showing off accomplishments.**

**The mission is not about filling seats- but filling hearts.**

**It’s not about a bigger production - but giving direction.**

**2. The Mission is not about - a political fight for power (vs. 3)**

**Jesus was not interested in a political fight with Pharisees – or a showdown with local leaders – he was about reaching people.**

**Some churches wave politics like a banner - that often divides people and distracts from the gospel of Jesus.**

**The gospel is the mission - not legislation.**

**John 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria. (Despised people) 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar… 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) (Stay out here…)**

**Jesus talked to a Samaritan woman – totally disregarded racial and cultural prejudices and stereotypes – and segregation.**

**3. Our Mission is not about – color or culture**

**It’s reaching out to people that challenge our comfort – people we would not usually hang out with.**

**Racism is a sin. The gospel is for everyone - everyone is welcome – everyone that walks in– we are to love.**

**John 4:9-26 He reads her mail - married 5X, living w/ another, and conversation about worship locations - What you seek is me…) John 4:13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water (the well) will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

**What can we not live without? Food &Water – both necessities of life are laid out here – food (what disciples went looking for) and water (what she is looking for) – life's basic needs...**

**John 4:27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” (snobs - did not even talk to her – some Christians…) 31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” 33 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” 34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.**

**Jesus trumps the basic needs of life - Even food and water.**

**This life is more than feeling full or getting our needs met**

**4. The Mission is not about - filling our personal desires**

**Jesus is saying that of all the things you treasure and think you need - God is greater and His mission is the only thing that will satisfy you.**

**More than filling your belly, water, dreams, goals, a plan, sleep "I override it all – live on me – I am the bread – I am the water…**

**34 “My food,” (my satisfaction) said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. (Song – I can’t get no satisfaction… I try but…)**

**True satisfaction comes from living the mission. You will never be truly satisfied until you walk in God's will.**

**Unhappy & unfulfilled “Christians” - don’t’ understand the joy & satisfaction in living out the work of the Father - There has got to be more to life… there is – The Mission!**

**It is with this that Jesus says… John 4:35 Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? (maybe later) I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! (Look at people around you) They are ripe for harvest. (They are ready and waiting - dying on the vine - go get them - pick now - reach out now)**

**It’s as if Jesus is saying - if you could only see what I see**

**The lonely, confused, abused, stressed, bound, abandoned, addicted, hungry, & hurting - people in our families, our class, in our office, on our streets, in our city, in the world.**

**We are often so self-focused that we often miss the harvest.**

**5. The Mission is not something to put off - it’s urgent!**

**Jesus refers to the mission as harvest work, calling us laborers**

**The labor is great. Farmers know crops don't jump into the baskets. It is early, laborious, sweaty, at times frustrating work (working corn fields as a kid – early morn) but if done right… the harvest plentiful.**

**Matthew 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, (hurt, pain, confusion) he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (At work - school - in this room - can you see what Jesus sees) 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. (Few believers actually embrace this) 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”**

**\* God give us eyes to see / hears to hear**

**\* God to give us compassion for those around you**

**Church is not a check list or gold star – what we do here each week is harvest work. Coming early, being on time, serving, staying late, not always easy, at times frustrating- but if done right…harvest is plentiful!**

**Living for Jesus can be hard – but The harvest is great - And what is the harvest? PEOPLE!**

**Just as the disciples were walked up, her eyes opened - John 4:28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, (met Jesus and left her jar/ plans/ agenda/ not important anymore – left it to tell her world) 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.**

**This is the mission illustrated: Meet Christ, leave things behind, and urgently tell the world – and people respond!**

**Jesus lived it then gave it.**

**\*\*Mission impossible song: This is our Mission Possible...**

**(After the resurrection) Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**Mission Possible: Understanding the mission**

**28:18 Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

**\*\*The mission is a command - Not optional. This is coming from God!**

**Shocking how many so-called followers of Jesus never do this. Christ followers to ignore this mission is to live in sin & rebellion.**

**The reality is many frequent the farm but rarely work in it.**

**19 Therefore go… (Everyone say, “go” / everybody say, “tell”.)**

**\*\*This mission is intentional - something to plan for and do- each of us.**

**Every Believers Mission: Mark 16:15 - He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. (Gospel = good news)**

**Excited to share some new outreach opportunities next week.**

**19 …make disciples… (followers of Jesus)**

**\*\*This mission is about multiplication**

**Making disciples not making decisions - not converts or church goers. Disciples who make disciples – more on this next Sunday.**

**\* You know what starts a move of God? Not miracles, worship, books, buildings, or programs – it is when we as individuals live and share the gospel and when we make disciples.**

**19 …of all nations…**

**\*\*This mission is for everyone - No one excluded. The entire world.**

**White, black, brown, all ethnicities, age, economics, or background**

**19 …** **baptizing them (“immerse” God wants you baptized)**

**\*\*This mission is not private - Our faith is not personal, but public.**

**We walk through with others a public life w/ Jesus. No secret followers.**

**19 …in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**\*\*This mission includes theology / doctrine – they are not dirty words**

**What we believe matters. There is true and false. Hold tight essentials.**

**20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

**\*\*This mission takes time - Teaching takes time & patience. It is not instant - mission includes walking w/ people – hardest part is follow-up**

**The mission is about patient relationships.**

**It’s not about how many decisions and how many baptisms – but the difficult process of growing and walking with someone.**

**BTW – That means Disciples are teachable.**

**Notice Jesus says, 20 “…everything I have commanded you.”**

**\*\*This mission includes the tough stuff – God’s word cover to cover**

**We get to pick and choose what we are going obey, teach, or believe.**

**Problem of Consumer Truth - We live in a consumer culture. Some churches careful to give what people want – avoid the parts of the Bible that are controversial or tough.**

**In a desire to win converts some make Jesus more convenient. When we “water down” the word, we remove the power from the gospel to transform lives.**

**We do an injustice to discipleship and present a false gospel when we imply that all you do is believe. We are to follow Jesus not just believe.**

**20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

**\*\*This mission is about transformation not just information**

**Life change - not just right beliefs. Helping people walk with Jesus.**

**It's not, say a prayer you're done. God calls us to obey his word.**

**20 “And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**\*\*This mission is powered by our ever-present Jesus**

**We will never be alone in this mission – Jesus with us always!**

**At home – at work – at school – you are never alone!**

**Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower and teach us about Him.**

**\*\*Mission impossible song: This is our Mission Possible...**

**Our 3D Mission: "Make followers and baptize" (Discover) Teach Them (Develop) Go into the world and tell the good news (Deploy)**

**To help others discover / develop / deploy - If you are a follower of Jesus that is our mission - If you choose to accept it life will be exciting, adventurous, purposeful and meaningful.**

**Back to the well conversation… John 4:35…I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”**

**Know - Jesus is ultimately responsible for the outcome of the mission**

**Some sow, some reap - HS works in, draws in, does heart work**

**(What a relief…) We are to reap it by loving, serving and telling**

**The Air can - Life’s moments are fleeting and the mission is urgent**

**James 4:14 – life is a vapor, mist / Psalm 144:4 Man is like a breath; his days are like a fleeting shadow.**

**I'll wait till schedule clears – when bills are paid – after school when family is fixed, when Covid is over. Jesus says people are dying on the vine - life is fleeting… the magnitude of mission is before us.**

**Samaritan woman - Look what happened - John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” (go and tell - daily life) 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, (come and see - church) they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”**

**People met Jesus lives changed forever - Mission accomplished!**

**So what can we do to start living this mission right now?**

**\* Pray for God to give you eyes to see / hears to hear those around you**

**\* Pray for God to give you compassion for those around you**

**Let the HS convict you and give you compassion for the broken, hurting, needy, poor, sick, dying, old, young, etc**

**\* Tell people in your realm of influence about Jesus**

**Next week – how we can make disciples and start living this mission.**