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"REACHING OUR WORLD"

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MATTHEW 28:16-20 (NASB)

TRUTH: The primary responsibility of Christians in the world is summed up in five words of our Lord: Make disciples of all nations.

TRUTH: Christian, our primary life goal isn't to do life with the saints but to do something for the Lord.

I. GOD'S ORIGINAL INTENT WAS MISSIONS.

TRUTH: "The Church on the Hill," Beloved, was birthed and blessed by God for one purpose: to make disciples... That's the heart of our purpose.

THE POINT: God's goal for you who say you belong to Christ is not that you just believe, but that you belong to a group of believers who regularly meet to learn how to follow Christ by going through the Bible, to equip you to lead men and women to faith in Christ.

TRUTH: A disciple is one who places faith in Christ and who follows in a life of learning, and who seeks men and women lost far from God (John 8:31).

INSIGHT: Life groups aren't optional for a follower of Christ; they are marks of obedience to Christ.

II. THREE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

TRUTH: The death march of any church begins when its leaders lose sight of the Great Commission to reach a lost world.

*Three characteristics you must embrace to hear Christ say, "Well done!":

1. Availability

INSIGHT: You'll never be useable to God till you're available to God.

TRUTH: Availability begins by saying, "Lord, I don't know what it is, or where it is, but I'm available and listening for Your voice, reading Your Word and gathering with Your people...I'm available.

2. Worshiping heart

QUESTION: If you stood before Christ, could you say, "Lord, the worship of You, living for You, is a priority for me and my family"? –1 Corinthians 3:13-15

3. Submission

TRUTH: Christ has the right to call my children and yours, and you and me to world evangelization wherever He chooses to send us.

TRUTH: The issue of our lives isn't emotion; it's submission to an articulated command already given... Go to the nations.

*Availability, a worshiping heart and submission don't mean anything without one last thing: power (v. 20).

TRUTH: What Christ demands of you is an available attitude, a worshiping heart and submissive spirit... In return He gives you the power of His presence to pull off world evangelization.

III. THE VISION

TRUTH: Nothing great is accomplished apart from a vision of a perceived future.

*The three-fold vision of "The Hill":

1. Love God.
2. Serve others.
3. Share our story of redemption.

TRUTH: Unless Jesus is a liar and the Bible a charade, every human being who dies will be resurrected to eternity with God in heaven or isolation from God in hell.

*How to tell your story to someone seeking God:

1. What your life was like before you met Jesus
2. How you realized you needed Jesus
3. How you surrendered your life to Jesus
4. The difference Jesus has made in your life