

PASSIONATE PURPOSE

LENT + EXPERIENCE MISSIONS | March 5, 2023

PRAY GIVE FAST

John 3:16—*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...*

Matthew 28:19-20—*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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Romans 10:13-15—*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...*

All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

Rewatch today's message online at bcachurch.com/messages

LENT STUDY GUIDE: WEEK 3

Begin with prayer.

TESTIMONY

Each week have someone share their testimony (their Jesus story). Only share what you feel comfortable sharing with the group. Schedule who will share next week.

ENGAGE/EXCLUDE

Take a few minutes as a group to discuss the LENT challenge. How are you doing with the challenge? Do you have any praise reports to share?

READ TOGETHER

Matthew 28

WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

This week's message is a continuation of last week's message from the greatest Lent sermon ever preached: the one by Jesus in Matthew 6, where He says, "I want you to be all in on three spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, giving." And all three of these spiritual disciplines converge when we talk about the most important purpose Christ gave His Church—reaching the world with the Good News of God's Grace. Spiritual disciplines—namely prayer, fasting, and giving—bend our will to the will of God. There is nothing more important to Jesus than reaching lost people with the good news of his grace.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be on mission with Jesus? Read again Matthew 28:18-20 and discuss how we as individual Christ followers can serve together to advance His mission.
2. When is the last time you prayed for someone far from God that they'd come to find Jesus? Engage in a hearty discussion about how our passion for reaching the lost can wane and how we must keep focused on what matters most to God. Read the story of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son in Luke 15. What similarities and differences do we see in these parables?
3. When is the last time you gave financially to support missions work around the world so that more people can hear the message of Jesus? Matthew 6 talks about three spiritual disciplines of giving, fasting, and praying. What do we know about Jesus's attitude about money from last week's sermon? How can that apply to our commitment to give to fulfill the Great Commission? People have many ideas about money. What does Jesus think? Is money a tool or a possession?

4. When is the last time you fasted and prayed to God for a lost and dying world? Jesus prayed, fasted, and gave for the Lost. Fasting is a forgotten spiritual discipline for many people and many Christians. Why is it so important? Why did Jesus assume it was a regular practice of all believers as stated in Matthew 6? Who in your life needs Christ? Consider and discuss taking time to fast fervently and passionately pray for their salvation.
5. If we are going to live the life Jesus lived, we need to practice the disciplines Jesus practiced. May we all engage in prayer, fasting, and giving this Lent so more people come to find Jesus. Talk in your group about what it means to be totally committed to reach the lost for Jesus. What scriptures mean the most to you on this subject (like John 3:16 and others)?

MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

Matthew 28:19-20

PRAYER

Take some time to check in on last week's prayer requests and then share new prayer requests. Make a list of people you know who need Jesus and pray for them. Also, pray together for BCA missions and missionaries (See Missions book).

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

Monday: Opportunities to share the gospel.

Tuesday: Our Missionaries around the world (see Missions book)

Wednesday: The establishment of our Global Church Partners in eSwatini

Thursday: Our Global Church Partners in Medical Missions

Friday: Our Global Church Partners in Sumba

Saturday: Our Global Church Partners in Albania

Sunday: Our Global Church Partners in Cuba

DAILY BIBLE READING

For those participating in our Read the Bible in a Year weekly reading plan.

Monday: Hebrews 2, Exodus 4, Psalm 46

Tuesday: Hebrews 3, Exodus 5, Psalm 47

Wednesday: Hebrews 4, Exodus 6, Psalm 48

Thursday: Hebrews 5, Exodus 7, Psalm 49

Friday: Hebrews 6, Exodus 8, Psalm 50