

# PASSIONATE PURPOSE

PART 2

LENT + EXPERIENCE MISSIONS | March 12, 2023

Lent Challenge:

**PRAY GIVE FAST**

**Matthew 6:2,5,16**—*When you give... when you pray... when you fast...*

## PASSIONATE PURPOSE

What on earth am I here for?

**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.*

**Acts 1:8**—*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

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*All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

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# LENT STUDY GUIDE: WEEK 4

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

Mark 6:1-24; James 4:7-10; Matthew 28:18-20

## 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. Reflect on Matthew 28:18-20. The Great Commission of Jesus is our Great GoMission. How can we all participate in fulfilling the Great GoMission of Christ? How can we practically all PRAY, GIVE, and GO?
2. What does it mean to Live Love Lead like Jesus? And how does living, loving, and leading like Jesus manifest itself when it comes to (here comes a 4th L word) the Lost? Really talk this out in depth and detail.
3. Acts 1:8 says, "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" I like to break this down for us today in these terms:
  - > Our Jerusalem is Everett. Our local city.
  - > Our Judea is Snohomish County. The broader local area.
  - > Our Samaria is US Missions work. The next concentric circle around us.
  - > Our Ends of the Earth. Global Missions—crossing oceans, cultures, languages.

While it may not be possible for all of us to "Go" to all these places, we actually all can through the ministry and missions' program of our church. Discuss how we can partner as a church to fulfill God's purposes.

4. There is a powerful challenge for all of us in Romans 10:13-15. Read and discuss with your group. As disciples of Jesus, what duty and responsibility does this Scripture require of us? What are the implications for serious Christ followers? Break it down with your group.

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

- > How can they call on the one they have not believed in?
  - > How can they believe in the one they have not heard of?
  - > How can they hear without someone telling them?
  - > How can someone tell them unless they are sent?
5. This LENT we are talking about Spiritual Disciplines and specifically those practiced by Jesus. How do the disciplines of prayer and fasting and giving converge with missions? Discuss. How about frugality, simplicity, and generosity? If we are going to live the life Jesus lived, we need to practice the habits Jesus practiced. What does this mean to you?

## MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

James 4:7-10

## 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 in Eurasia

Wednesday: Our Missionaries in Africa

Thursday: Our Missionaries in Latin America/Caribbean

Friday: Our Missionaries in Europe

Saturday: Our Missionaries in Northern Asia

Sunday: Our Missionaries in Asia Pacific

## DAILY BIBLE READING

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

Monday: Hebrews 7, Exodus 9, Psalm 51

Tuesday: Hebrews 8, Exodus 10, Psalm 52

Wednesday: Hebrews 9, Exodus 11, Psalm 53

Thursday: Hebrews 10, Exodus 12, Psalm 54

Friday: Hebrews 11, Exodus 13, Psalm 55