

JESUS, CONTINUED ...

LESSON 3: SURRENDERED TO THE SPIRIT FOR MISSION

PSALM 50:12; 14-15 (ESV)

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine... Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the most high, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.”

“God does not _____; never has, never will.” (Acts 17: 24-25)

- What was the disciples first assignment after Jesus gave them the Great Commission? (Luke 24:49)
- Why would Jesus make them wait for the Holy Spirit? (Matthew 16:18)
- Here’s the good news: *Even though God doesn’t need us, He wants to work through us and through the gifts He’s given us. And that’s why we need to extend our gaze beyond the worlds needs and to the Spirit’s empowering presence in our lives.* (Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20)

“God does not look to us and say, ‘I need you to save the world for me.’ He calls us to follow Him as He saves the world through us.” (Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Col. 1:27)

How can Jesus give us such a monumental mission (to take the gospel to all nations) and still describe His burden as easy and light?

- It’s because of one thing...or one Person; _____

He _____; we _____.

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- “Bookends” of the Great Commission:

Bookend 1 - **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”**

Bookend 2 - **“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

“We need to get away from _____ ideas in ministry and start to pursue _____ ideas.”

- What does God want me to do in the world? How does he want to work through me?
- What is God’s agenda? (Matthew 6:33)
- How should we respond to God’s agenda?

“Are you following the Spirit in mission?”

- “There is no fullness of the Spirit that does not translate into activity for mission.”
- **John 17:4** - Jesus said, “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.”
- **2 Tim. 4:7-8** - Paul said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

“Have you determined what the Spirit of God wants from you?”

- “Not everything that comes from heaven has your name on it.”
- “The mission is too big for any one person.”
- What is your specific role in God’s Kingdom agenda? What specific needs does God want to use you to meet?

BEFORE NEXT SESSION:

Read: 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 4:7, 11-16; Eph. 4:15-16; Ex. 31:1-5