

## “GO, and TELL!!”



### Part 1: “As the Father has sent Me ...”

**John 20:21; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-48; Acts 1:1-8; Romans 10:14-17**

Introduction: Jesus entrusted to His disciples the next step in God’s plan of salvation: the proclamation of the Gospel to all the world!!

A “commission” is “an instruction, command or duty given to a person or a group of people.”

**Lighthouse Vision Statements:** “We exist to proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ over all things; glorifying and enjoying God, now and forever!”

Our MISSION: Loving God, loving our neighbor and fulfilling the Great Commission (See “**Six Marks of a Disciple**”).

**John 20:19-21:** “As the Father has sent ME, even so I am sending YOU!” (vs. 21).

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EVANGELISM is God’s chosen method, His chosen strategy, His chosen means to reach the world in order to save those who believe from His coming wrath and judgment.

### I. Evangelism ... What is it?

**Matthew 24:14:** “This Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” - JESUS

**Luke 24:44-48:** “... repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.”

Our entire ministry revolves around equipping YOU to share the Gospel as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

“**Evangelism**” is telling the good news to those who have not yet believed ... that there is a way to be “saved,” to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ!

### II. Evangelism ... WHO proclaims the message and TO WHOM is it proclaimed?

“**Witness**” = “martyr” ... one who lays down his life (Matt. 16:24).

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you don’t get to choose whether or not you want to be a witness, you ARE one !!

**Romans 10:14-17:** “How are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?!” (vss. 14-15).

“**Evangelism**” is the work of the CHURCH, the whole Body of Christ!!

**I Peter 3:15:** “... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you ...”

**Philippians 2:14-16:** “... among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life ...” (vss. 15-16).

### III. Evangelism ... When and Where?

To be “intentional” means that you prepare, that you have a plan, that you have an “intention” to be obedient to God and a desire to testify to the truth!!

Jesus spent more than three years teaching the disciples and after His resurrection explained to them the meaning of the Gospel (Luke 24:44-48).

YOU may be the answer to someone’s prayer to bring someone into the life of someone they know and love to share the Gospel with them.

### IV. Evangelism ... WHY?

At least three reasons: Love for God, love for our neighbor and obedience to our Savior and Lord !

Your “neighbor” is the person GOD brings within your “*sphere of influence*,” with whom you have the opportunity to speak.

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“**WHAT NOW???**” ... Are you ready? Will you prepare? Will you DO IT???

