

Purpose Driven Life 6

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Review:

- **Worship** – Loving and knowing God
- **Fellowship** – Loving God's family
- **Discipleship** – Becoming like Jesus
- **Ministry** – You were shaped for service
- The fifth purpose of your life is that you were MADE for a **MISSION**.

John 17:17 – In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. *The Message*

Matthew 24:14 – The Good News about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that ALL NATIONS will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come.
NLT

What is that Good News?

II Corinthians 5:19 - For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. *NLT*

The difference between your “ministry” and your “mission” is that your “ministry” is to the CHURCH and your “mission” is to the WORLD without Jesus.

Acts 20:24 –The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell the Good News about God's grace. *NCV*

The fifth purpose of your life is EVANGELISM.

2 Main Ways We Bring Others to Christ

1. **Individually** – Bringing people to Jesus
 - Leading people to Jesus in your everyday life

I Corinthians 9:22b – Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. *LB*

II Timothy 4:5b – Work at bringing others to Christ. *NLT*

2. **Corporately** – Going to people for Jesus
- Weekend Services
 - Missions

We are both **COMMANDED** and **AUTHORIZED** to reach people for Jesus.

Mark 16:15 – **Go everywhere** in the world and tell the Good News to **everyone**. *NCV*

- We must **GO** to **EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!**
- This can only be done as a body of believers.
- You are either a “GOER” or a “SENDER.”

Matthew 28:18 – All **AUTHORITY** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **GO** and make disciples of **ALL NATIONS**. *NIV*

The sheriff would “authorize” everyone in a time of crisis to go get the bad guys.

- Some had the courage to go and others hid behind the walls of their home.
- I remember seeing the weak men hide, and as a little boy I never pretended to be the guys hiding, but ones who went after the bad guys.
- Jesus has deputized you to go and reach the “bad guys.”
- We aren’t trying to bring them to “justice,” but to an “acquittal.”
- Sadly, most Christians are trying to bring the message of “justice,” when we are called to bring a message of “acquittal.”
- Don’t hide behind the “church walls” and wait for others to do your job!

Acts 1:8 – You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. *NIV*

When Jesus said **JERUSALEM**, He was telling them to start reaching people right where they were.

When Jesus said **JUDEA**, He was telling them to reach their region.

When Jesus said **SAMARIA**, it broadened their understanding of who God wanted to reach:

- Samaritans were considered outcasts by the Jews.
- Enlarge your “circle of love.”
- The disciples wanted to call fire down from heaven because they wouldn’t let Jesus pass through.
- Our “Samaritans” are all around us.

We must not let our “indignation” replace our “mission.”

We are not called to “change people,” but to “love people” and “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples.”

Jesus cared about the people that others rejected—the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the mentally ill, the down and out, and the up and out (Zacchaeus).

When he said, “the ends of the earth,” He established the mission of the church until He returns.

The church is the **ONLY HOPE** of the world.

Proverbs 29:18 - If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. ***The Message***

You were created to fulfill a mission and until you give yourself to this purpose, you will stumble all over yourself.