

# HOW A GLOBAL FOCUS HELPS A LOCAL FOCUS

## EYES ON THE FAR MEANS HANDS ON THE NEAR

Romans 1.1-16, 10.11-17

### **A Nations-Focused Church Can Not Follow Jesus Casually**

- A Nations-Focused Church can't get comfortable, casually following Jesus. A Nations-Focused Church takes the call to reach the globe seriously, and structures their life *locally* in order to see the Gospel go *globally*.

### **A Nations-Focused Church Must Make the Strongest Local Disciples**

- A Nations-Focused Church knows that in order to really reach the nations, they must radically pour into local discipleship more than ever.
- A Nations-Focused Church needs to multiply, develop, train, and equip. A church focused simply on local needs to create events, programs, and make invitation cards.
- A Nations-Focused Church can't afford to make weak disciples

### **A Nations-Focused Church Sees Themselves in God's Global Plan**

- Local Only-Focused Churches sympathize with the global need for the Gospel, Nations-Focused Churches do something about it.

## **Sympathy is no substitute for action.**

-David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

## **We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.**

-John Stott

### **A Nations-Focused Church Can Not Make Ministry About Themselves**

- Local Only-Focused churches aren't about building their ministry, but are about building the Lord's ministry.
- Nations-Focused Churches equip to send. Local Only-Focused Churches equip to keep.
- William Carey says a church must give out their best.

## **Go, Send, or Disobey.**

-John Piper

As David Platt rightly points out, though, is that we are ALL sent for the globe, but we are all sent differently. Some are "sent" to the nations in our own backyard, some are "sent" to the nations through prayer and financial support for the global missionary, and some are "sent" to the nations by actually moving elsewhere.

**The man or woman at home who prays often has as much to do with the effectiveness of the missionary on the field, and consequently with the results of his or her labors, as the missionary.** — R. A. Torrey



# NOTES:

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com) or **John Hawthorne** at [hawthorne-john@hotmail.com](mailto:hawthorne-john@hotmail.com)

## Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Romans 1:1-16** and **Romans 10:11-17**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. What is the first word in **verse 19**? Is this a request from Jesus, a suggestion or a commission? Which one do you treat it as? \_\_\_\_\_

At our church, one of the biggest vehicles that we have in making disciples and seeing God's glory be made known to all the nations is through our **Community Groups**. How can your group together be a part of making strong disciples that are focused on God's glory among the nations? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Romans 3:23**. What does it tell us? Who falls short of God's glory? Just Americans or "all" people? Now read **Romans 6:23**. If a person isn't saved, what's the punishment for their sin? Is this bad news reality for you? How can you help bring the message of reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**) to all nations? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**. Since most of us feel weak, unequipped, unworthy and have a "thorn in our flesh," what is the good news about "feeling" these things? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **John 20:19-21**. What is happening in these verses? What are the disciples afraid of? What are Jesus' words? Who is with us as we "Go?" \_\_\_\_\_

Read **2 Corinthians 4:7**. Some of us don't know where to start in the "making disciples" quest so we stand idle. We watch as others that we "feel" are more equipped than us move and "Go." Our insecurities and fears keep us quiet when we should speak; we often want comfort when we are commissioned to be "sent." What needs to take place or happen in your heart, mind and soul for you to move? What will empower you to do this task that seems impossible? What will give you strength? \_\_\_\_\_

In the sermon notes there is a quote from John Piper that says, "Go, send or disobey." In the past, maybe you have been sitting "in the stands" and not "playing in the game". If so, why? What are you waiting for? The "Great Coach" has already called all of His players to play in the game! What are some steps you can take to participate in glorifying the Name above all names to all nations!? By going, or by helping send someone? Fill in the blank. If \_\_\_\_\_ happens, then I'll "Go". Fill in the blank. If \_\_\_\_\_ happens, then I'll "help send someone."

End the group with prayer using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. Start by reading the Gospel (**Romans 3:23-24**), then spend time confessing and repenting of sin, then ask God to empower you to be "sent." End with thanksgiving to God, who saved you from hell and has brought you into a safe, never-ending, always and forever covenant relationship that nothing can destroy. (**Romans 8:39**)

On **April 18th**, **Matt Piro** will be taking a team down to **Mexico**. This is a great opportunity for us to fulfill what God is calling us into. Please encourage one another (locally) to be "sent" out (globally.) If you are interested and need more details please email him at [matt@lifemission.tv](mailto:matt@lifemission.tv)



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,  
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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