

February 18, 2018



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Missio Dei = "Sending of God" / Life on mission!

- God's great mission is to _____ humanity to Himself by sending His Son Jesus to be our Savior.
- The call of God to be reconciled to Him through Christ has implicit in it a call to _____ - urging us to say, "Yes, Jesus, make use of ALL my life in Your world-saving mission."
- "Life on mission" is a _____ - seeing and accepting *whatever* opportunities for service open before us as a possibility for teaming up with Christ in His mission.

Two major questions for each of us:

1. How will I say "YES" to my part in His mission?
2. How can we encourage each other when we do not *feel* called and often *hold back* from total commitment?
 - Heed the call to serve in _____ ways - cf. Romans 12:1, the "ultimate sacrifice" takes a life(time)
 - Help the _____ to fully engage
 - ...Praying, supporting, building up, providing loving cover, sending, bringing home, embracing changes

Getting started...

How has your experience of serving others, or being served, helped you to live closer to Christ?

Start thinking...

"Life on mission" is about finding a purpose for life greater than meeting our own needs and desires. In what way have you tried to **identify with Christ** in the way you live your life?

Going deeper...

In Matthew 10 Jesus sends out the 12 Apostles with instructions meant to help them mold their lives to His own. As an example for us, what can we learn from their going out to serve in His mission? (e.g., "freely you have received, freely give")

Share together...

The Scriptures picture Christians banding together to lovingly serve others.

Do you have a need we can help meet?

In what way are you helping our church family to engage in service to others and/or service to our world's need to be reconciled to Christ?

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Luke 22:24-27

Romans 12:1-15

1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Galatians 6:9-11

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-19

1 Peter 3:8-9

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