

DISCOVERING MY LIFE MISSION – PART 1

I. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING US

i) We were made to have a ... **Relationship With God**

"Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." Genesis 1:26

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:4

ii) We were made to ... **Become like Christ**

"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters." Romans 8:29

"Just as we are now like Adam, the man of the earth, so we will someday be like Christ..." 1 Corinthians 15:49

iii) We were made to ... **Serve God's Purpose**

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

iv) We were made to ... **Last Forever**

"He has planted eternity in the human heart" Ecclesiastes 3:11

This life is **Preparation** for life in eternity!

The Problem:

Our sin has broken our relationship with God.

"It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore." Isaiah 59:2

God's Solution:

He took the initiative to bring us back to Himself.

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them." 2 Cor 5:19

II. WHAT WAS JESUS' LIFE MISSION?

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:10

"You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." John 18:37b

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

"I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." John 12:46

"I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:43

III. WHY JESUS' MISSION MUST MATTER TO ME

Facts That Motivate Me

a) If I want to be like Jesus, ...**My**... Life Mission must include ... **His** ... Life Mission.

"Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world." John 17:18

b) Jesus ... **Expects** ... me to continue His Mission

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (see Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47 & John 20:21)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

c) Sharing the Good News is my ... **Responsibility**

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d) Sharing the Good News is a ... **Privilege**

"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. We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you." 2 Corinthians 5:18b-20a

e) Because people are ... **Hopelessly Lost** ... without Christ.

"There is Salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them."

Acts 4:12

"For 'Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:13-14

f) Because God wants ... **Everybody** ... saved! (Luke 15)

"This is good and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." 1 Timothy 2:4

g) God's ... **Timetable** ... for history hinges around us completing our mission!

"And 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." Matthew 24:14 (NLT)

h) I will ... **Be Glad** ... when I see people in heaven

"In the same way, heaven will be happier over one lost sinner who returns to God than over 99 others who are righteous and haven't strayed away." Luke 15:7

What's my response?

"But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love." Acts 20:24