What is God’s Mission?

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GOD’S MISSION
God’s Purpose of creation destroyed

* Man’s disobedience

* Broken relationship with God
God’s purpose in the creation

- Man was created for fellowship. Gen. 3:8
- Worship: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them- Ps. 69:34
- Service: The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. : Gen. 2:15
God’s Mission in the Old Testament

- Restore all creation to the purposes for which he created it.

- God’s mission of restoration begins with the call to Abram – Genesis 12
How does God accomplish His Mission?

- Forming a special people – Israel (Exodus 19:6)
- Intimate relationship – Exodus 20:1 & 19
- His gracious nature (Exodus 34:4-7)
- God’s Reign over the nation (Judges 8:23).
“Mission”
Latin word
“having been sent”
Jesus’ participation in God’s Mission

“I am the one appointed by the Holy Spirit to fulfill this prophecy of Isaiah. I am the long-expected Redeemer of Israel, the Servant of God who will bear the sin of humanity. I have come to complete God’s mission of reconciliation.”

- Isaiah 49: 1/ John 1:29 / Hebrews 2:17 &
  - 2 Corinthians 5:18 -19
Mission of Jesus

- Jesus was sent in the power of the Holy Spirit – Luke 4:18
- To proclaim the good news proclamation of God’s reign
- To establishment of God’s kingdom on earth
- To replaced hatred and injustice by the love and justice of God.
The result of the power of the HOLY SPIRIT

- Sickness and death are consumed by God’s wholeness and eternal life

- Human rebellion against God’s reign is replaced by loving obedience
Jesus was sent to enact the good news

- HEALING (Luke 7:21-22)
- LOVE (John 15:13)
- COMPASSION (Matt 9:36 / Luke 7:13)
Jesus was sent to form a community of the good news

- Live under God’s reign, demonstrating love and justice as servants of God and of each other
- Servant leadership (Mark 10:43-44)
- Justice for others (Luke 11:42)
- Love for one another (John 13:34-35)
Jesus was sent to consummate (achieve / carry out) the good news through His death and resurrection.

- Invited us into the kingdom of God (Col. 3:1-4)
- Promise to restore us into intimate fellowship with God (Romans 5:21)
- Jesus’ ministry on earth did not end on the cross. (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19)
Jesus commissions his disciples:

- Go and announce . . . that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! (Matt 10:7-8).

- Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other (John 13:34).

- “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21).
What should we do as members of God’s mission force? How do we execute our assignment in the world?

- Our participation in God’s mission:
  - Live as agents of reconciliation, as peacemakers in our aggressive world
  - Live a model life: 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8
  - Live a holy life: Roman 6:19
God's mission in the areas of our lives

1) Home, family and close friendships
2) Work
3) Community,
4) The wider world
5) Our share in our church's life and outreach
How can we enact the good news?

- Praying for the sick.
- Showing love and compassion
- Standing for Justice
- Sharing the Good news
HOW CAN THE MISSION BE ACCOMPLISHED
• And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. MATHEW 24:14
LET EACH ONE OF US MAKE THIS A PRAYERFUL COMMITMENT TO FULFILL GOD’S MISSION

“I Will Go” by Starfield

• To the desperate eyes and reaching hands
• To the suffering and the lean
• To the ones the world has cast aside
• To the world, To the lost
• To the poor and hungry
• **BUT** Let me not be blind with privilege
• Give me **eyes to see the pain**
• Let the **blessing You've poured out on me**
  not be spent on me in vain
• Let this **life be used for change**
• **I want live for you**
• **And go where you lead me**