

4. Outlive Your Life. Invest in What Lasts Forever.

a. The Good You Do.

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:37-40

b. The Relationships you Build.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:34-35

c. The Word of GOD.

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.* Isaiah 40:8

**Live into the Mission.**

**Walk With Jesus, so you can Work For Jesus.**

**You Are On A Mission**

**Luke 9:1-9**

**A. Consider the Disciples' First Mission Adventure.**

1. They had been With Jesus.

*Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve-- designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.* Mark 3:13-15

2. Jesus gave them Power and Authority.

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,* Luke 9:1

3. Jesus sent them to preach the Kingdom ("Repent, GOD Reigns") - and to heal the sick.

*and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Luke 9:2

4. He tells them to travel light - Humbly and Totally Dependent on GOD.

*He told them: "Take nothing for the journey-- no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town."*

Luke 9:3-4

**B. As A Jesus Follower, You also Are On A Mission.**

1. Our mission is an Extension of Jesus' work in the world. We are the Voice and Hands of Jesus.

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."* John 20:21

2. Put the Mission ahead of your Personal Comfort. Self-Sacrifice is essential.

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Matthew 6:33

3. The Mission is carried out with both Words and Deeds.

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## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Luke 9:1-9

1. How had Jesus prepared the twelve disciples for this first mission trip?

2. What do you think it was like for the disciples to launch out on this adventure?

3. What is GOD saying to you through this passage?

### **Day Two**

Read John 15:1- 8

1. We are on a Mission, a Mission to “bear fruit” in Jesus’ Kingdom (to live a life of influence and impact). According to this passage, what is necessary for us to bear fruit?

2. What’s the difference between “walking with Jesus” and “working for Jesus?” Which one are you doing?

3. What is GOD saying to you through this passage?

### **Day Three**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16 – 6:2

1. What does an “ambassador” do? From whom does he get his authority? To whom is he accountable?

2. What does it mean to you that we are “Christ’s Ambassadors” in this world?

3. What about GOD’s “fellow workers?”

4. How are you living into these roles in your everyday life?

### **Day Four**

Read Matthew 25:31-46

1. What is the message of this passage?

2. One of the ways we live into the mission of Jesus Christ in our world is by showing compassion and giving help to people in need. In what ways are you doing that?

3. What are some specific ways that you can do more of this?

### **Day Five**

Read Psalm 12

1. The world is often hostile to the Mission of Jesus. There are many who are deceptive, dishonest, oppressive, etc. How have you experienced these things as you have sought to live as a Jesus-follower?

2. What is the LORD’s promise in this Psalm. How might He use you to fulfill His promise in the lives of others?

3. Pray for GOD to work mightily in our worship gathering this coming Sunday.