

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

How does someone else's mission become our mission?

When World War 2 began, the United States (and the Philippines) was not directly involved in battle, and people went about their daily lives. But everything changed when Pearl Harbor was attacked — they immediately went to war and millions of volunteers took up the same mission against the Axis powers. Suddenly, someone else's mission became their personal mission.

In Matthew 9:36-38, Jesus tells His disciples that "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few", implying that much of the harvest will be wasted without enough workers. This was to form the personal mission of His followers, and although God can raise others to do so should we be unwilling, we will miss out on the privilege to take part in what He is doing!

The Means and the Messaging

Jesus' disciples continued to pray together after His ascension (Acts 1:13-15); and during the Pentecost, which was the feast of first fruits, the Holy Spirit came and filled them to be Christ's witnesses (Acts 2:1-4). As with the disciples then, the Holy Spirit empowers us believers to bring the message of the gospel to the whole world we cannot be God's messengers on our own strength. Many Christians get sidetracked and divided about the end times (Acts 1:6-7) or withdraw from sharing the gospel for various self-centered reasons such as being too busy, too shy, or feeling ill-equipped. We need to remember that only the Holy Spirit can open people's hearts to the gospel, and He inspires us to take the opportunities to talk about Jesus. He is our ultimate equipper (Mark 13:11)! Even by simply asking "How are you?" or "How can I pray for you?" opens people's hearts to feel our genuine care. It is not easy serving God in this world, but if we are to do so and live for Him, we need to die to ourselves.

The Multitude

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there were multitudes of people from many parts of the world who heard of the mighty deeds of God in their own language (Acts 2:5-13)! The mightiest work of God was sending His Son Jesus for us, and so we must make His mission our mission. As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can

go out into the "multitude" and make disciples in many ways: may it be by starting your own discipleship group, opening your home for a house fellowship, holding Bible studies with co-workers, or inviting co-workers to your Dgroup. Our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are likewise instrumental in making disciples of all the nations: from the Middle East, Europe, North America, and Asia, they can set up online Dgroups and house churches wherever they are.

The Message

Our message should never be about us — only Jesus transforms lives (Acts 2:22)! His death on the cross was purposeful, ensuring victory over our sins on the cross (Acts 2:23); and His resurrection proves that He is God. As Timothy Keller said, this is the message of the gospel: that "we are more sinful... than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." The gospel is powerful to change lives through changed lives, and God can use you no matter who you are or may be.

The Multiplication

This is God's work, not ours. However, He gives us both the responsibility and privilege to do our part. Our discipleship groups are venues for God to do this work, therefore we ought to be biblical, relational, and missional (Acts 2:42-47), demonstrating His love towards others to lead them to Jesus and for the glory of God. As the early disciples studied the Scriptures together, had fellowship in each other's homes, and shared all they had with one another, we are to do the same intentionally. Like Paul, we are to make disciples (like Timothy) who will make disciples (faithful men) who will make disciples (others) (2 Timothy 2:2).

The mission of Jesus is "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), and for true followers of Jesus, this mission must become our own personal mission as well. For those who have not yet surrendered their lives to Jesus: you are the mission! You are the reason He came, died, and rose again, and it is through the Holy Spirit working in you and transforming your life where you can ultimately make His mission your mission!

last week's memory verse

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

discuss this message

Are you willing to be a messenger of the gospel, by means of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

Who are the people God placed within your sphere of influence that you can reach out to with the gospel? Name each of them.

What specifically will you do in the next two weeks to share Jesus with some of them?

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Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and let's discuss about it.

STEP INTO THE COMMUNIT

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SPECIAL EVENT WITH A WOMAN'S FORUM Beholding Beauty: Alive to Awe with Earl Beja-Paolo and AWF Team July 25, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

B1G Fellowship Night July 26, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

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Mission Possible: Making Jesus Known

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

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Book 8: Survey of the Bible

ONSITE: July 21, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 2A ZOOM: July 25, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps** His covenant and His lovingkindness to

God is holy.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His cross for our sins and be raised to life for

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. - John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13