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WEEK 3



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On mission together



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Overview

The Church is called to live missionally, both individually and collectively. This session will explore God's love for the world, the significance of the Great Commission, and how to engage our spheres of influence by identifying, praying for, and sharing with non-believers. Practical teaching on sharing the Gospel and the role of Kingdom Come partnerships highlights how we can make an impact locally, nationally, and globally. Together, we are empowered to live out our faith and participate in God's mission to ensure every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel.

Opening Questions

Take a moment to reflect on this past week and today's theme and discuss the following questions with those around you:

What did you learn last week? What has God been teaching you throughout these past few weeks?

When you hear the word mission, what comes to mind? How do you think it applies to your everyday life?

Have you ever had a conversation about faith with someone who doesn't believe in Jesus? What was that experience like?



Teaching

Section 1: God's Love for the World

God's mission is rooted in His profound love for the world, which serves as the foundation of the Gospel and the Church's calling. His love is universal, unconditional, and sacrificial, crossing all boundaries to bring salvation through Jesus Christ. The Great Commission reflects God's desire for all people to know Him, calling believers to actively participate in His redemptive work locally, nationally, and globally.

Key points:

- God's love spans all cultures, races, and nations, culminating in the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Genesis 12:3)
- Believers should be compelled to share God's love, as emphasized in 1 John 4:19 and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
- The Chapel focuses on ensuring repeated opportunities to share the Gospel locally and beyond.

Read Revelation 7:9. This verse presents a vision of a diverse multitude worshiping God. How does this inspire your role in participating in God's mission, both locally and globally?

Section 2: The Great Commission

The Great Commission is central to the mission of every believer and church, as Jesus calls His followers to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey His commands (Matthew 28:19-20). This commission will involve intentional action, relationship with others, discipleship, faithful teaching, and empowering believers to live as Christ's ambassadors in their communities and beyond. Through the promise of Jesus' presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Great Commission becomes both a privilege and a responsibility for ALL believers.

Key points:

- **“Go”:** The call to action involves intentional engagement in our current contexts and readiness to reach people globally as God leads.
- **“Make Disciples”:** Discipleship is fostering faith growth and guiding others to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers. This will often include a relational component to it.
- **“Baptize”:** Baptism symbolizes unity with Christ and publicly identifies believers with the Church.
- **“Teach”:** Teaching equips believers to know and live out God's Word in every area of life.
- **Practical Steps:** Pray for opportunities, build relationships, share personal testimonies, and partner with the Church's ministries locally and globally.



Section 3: Sphere of Influence

This section focuses on living on mission within your “sphere of influence,” which includes the people you regularly interact with in your family, neighborhood, workplace, or community. It emphasizes that God has placed you in these relationships for a purpose—to reflect Christ and share the Gospel.

Key points:

- Think of 3-5 people in your life who don't know Jesus and recognize your unique role in their lives. This is your **sphere of influence**.
- Pray for open hearts, opportunities, boldness, and transformation for those in your sphere of influence.
- Build authentic relationships by being present, showing kindness, living authentically, and being genuinely curious about others.
- Be prepared to explain the Gospel clearly, share your personal story, use Scripture, and invite a response while trusting the Holy Spirit to work.



Sphere of Influence Exercise

Who are some people in your life that don't know Jesus? Make a list. Use these starting categories to help you make your list:

FAMILY

FRIENDS

NEIGHBORHOOD

WORK

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Review the lists you've created. Choose 3-5 people who you can be intentional with. How might God use you to show His love to them?



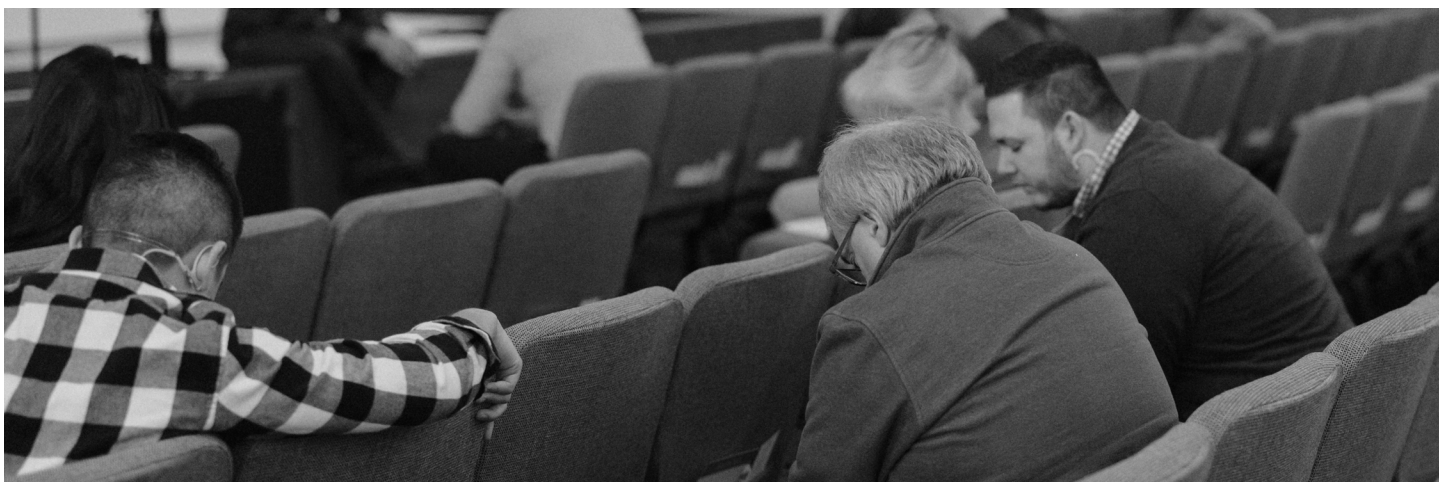
Section 4: Sharing the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel is a vital part of living out our faith, as it invites others to experience God's transformative love. While sharing can feel intimidating, understanding the Gospel makes it approachable. The Gospel can be summarized in four key points:

- 1. God's Design:** We were created for a perfect relationship with God, others, and creation.
- 2. Brokenness:** Sin disrupted this relationship, separating us from God.
- 3. Jesus' Rescue Mission:** Jesus died and rose again to restore our relationship with God.
- 4. Response:** We respond by repenting, placing our faith in Jesus, and following Him as Lord.

An easy way to remember and share the Gospel is the acronym GOSPEL:

- **G:** God created us to be in a relationship with Him.
- **O:** Our sin separates us from God.
- **S:** Sin can't be erased by good deeds.
- **P:** Jesus paid the price for our sin through His death and resurrection.
- **E:** Everyone who believes and confesses Jesus as Lord.
- **L:** Will live with God forever.



Exercise: Review the Gospel Story

Step 1: Summarize the Gospel in your own words.

Step 2: Match the Verses

Match the Bible verse to the corresponding point of the Gospel

Gospel Points	Scripture
Creation & God's Design	
Brokenness	
Jesus' Rescue Mission	
New Creation	
Response	

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:31, Deuteronomy 6:4, Genesis 3:6-7, Romans 3:19, Matthew 25:30, John 3:16, Romans 2:21-25, Romans 8:35, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Romans 12:17-21, John 14:3, Revelation 21:1-7, John 10:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-10



Sharing the Gospel is one of the most meaningful ways to live out our faith, and it doesn't have to be complicated. Here are practical steps to help you confidently share the good news:

- 1. Start with Prayer:** Pray for the person you're sharing with, asking God to open their heart and guide your words. Remember, it's God who saves, not us.
- 2. Build a Relationship:** Invest in meaningful relationships by listening to their story, valuing their perspective, and earning their trust.
- 3. Share Your Story:** Share your personal testimony of how Jesus has transformed your life, focusing on:
 - Your life before Christ.
 - Your moment of realizing your need for a Savior.
 - How Jesus has changed your life since surrendering to Him.
 - *Incorporate Scripture to center your story on Jesus and His work in your life.*
- 4. Be Intentional:** Transition conversations to spiritual topics by asking thoughtful questions, such as:
 - What's your spiritual background?
 - Who is Jesus to you?
 - Have you thought about your relationship with God?
 - *Listen carefully to their responses to foster meaningful dialogue.*
- 5. Share Scripture:** Use clear, impactful Bible verses to explain the Gospel, like John 14:6 or 2 Corinthians 5:15. If the opportunity arises, invite them to read Scripture aloud and reflect on it together.
- 6. Keep It Simple:** Avoid confusing church jargon and explain the Gospel in accessible language. When appropriate, invite them to accept Jesus as their Savior, guiding them in prayer and celebrating their step of faith.

Exercise: Share the Gospel

Pair up and practice sharing the gospel. Use the GOSPEL acronym, or another framework that will help you share key points of the gospel. Try sharing the gospel in 2-3 minutes. The "listener" should ask simple follow up questions as needed. For example, ask, "What do you mean by grace?" or "How do I respond to this message?" Once you've practiced, switch roles.

Provide feedback to each other.

- *Was the explanation clear?*
- *Did it feel conversational or rehearsed?*
- *Was Scripture referenced effectively?*
- *How did the Gospel feel relevant to the scenario?*

Section 5: Partnerships

The mission of the Church is far greater than any one person or organization can achieve alone, which is why partnerships are vital. At The Chapel, through Kingdom Come, we collaborate with like-minded churches and ministries locally, nationally, and globally to advance the Gospel. These partnerships combine resources, expertise, and reach to provide practical care and spiritual hope, reflecting the unity and shared purpose of the body of Christ.

Key points:

- Partnerships reflect the shared mission of the Church, allowing us to do more together than we could individually (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).
- Kingdom Come is a “by faith” initiative that supports ministries locally, nationally, and internationally, helping to meet needs and spread the Gospel with geographic intentionality.
- Your Role in Kingdom Come:
 - Pray: Commit to praying for our partners and their ministries.
 - Give: Financially support Kingdom Come to enable its initiatives.
 - Serve: Volunteer locally or through mission trips.
 - Advocate: Share the mission and encourage others to get involved.
- Geographic Intentionality and Gospel Saturation ensure we are providing repeated opportunities for every person to encounter the Gospel and see it lived out.
- By engaging in partnerships and Kingdom Come, we unite as workers in God’s harvest field, fulfilling His call to bring hope and transformation to the world.

Take a few moments and visit **kingdomcomewny.com**. What stands out to you about our local, national, and international partnerships?

Which of these initiatives resonates with you? How might you personally get involved through prayer, giving, serving, or advocating?



Reflection

What is one practical way you can live missionally in your sphere of influence this week?

How can you engage more deeply with Kingdom Come—whether through prayer, giving, or serving?

Who is one person in your life that you can pray for and intentionally connect with this week?

Teaching Notes

As you watch the video, use this page to take notes.



Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

Our desire is to continuously help you pursue spiritual transformation and grow in Christlikeness.

Are you ready to become a member at The Chapel?

Complete the Membership Interest Form at
thechapel.com/membershipinterest



Practice and Reflection

This week, take some time to practice what you've learned and to spend time in reflection.

Daily Reading & Prayer Plan

Each day includes a short passage from Scripture, a reflection question to help engage with the text, and prayer prompt. As you prepare to engage the Scripture daily, consider the following steps:

- 1. Read** - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
- 2. Observe** - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What's happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
- 3. Interpret** - based off the observations you just made, what is the intended meaning of this text?
- 4. Apply** - consider how you should respond to what you've read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that's helpful
- 5. Pray** - thank God for what He's shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.

Day 1: Revelation 7:1-17

- Reflection Question: How can you live today in a way that reflects the hope and worship of the eternal celebration in God's presence?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for the promise of salvation and for the protection you offer. Help me to live with the hope of eternal worship before your throne. Teach me to honor you with my life and share the hope of your salvation with others.

Day 2: Acts 2:1-11

- Reflection Question: How can you allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to share God's message with others this week?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Spirit and give me the boldness and ability to share your wonders with those around me. Help me to trust in your power to reach others through my words and actions.

Day 3: 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

- Reflection Question: What steps can you take to ensure you are building your life on the solid foundation of Christ?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for being the foundation of my faith. Help me to build my life with care, using wisdom from your Word. Teach me to trust in you as I work to glorify you and grow in my faith.

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

- Reflection Question: How can you be an ambassador for Christ in your words and actions this week?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for reconciling me to yourself through Christ. Help me to live as an ambassador for you, sharing your message of love and reconciliation with others. Give me the courage to represent you well in everything I say and do.



Day 5: 1 Peter 3:8-22

- Reflection Question: How can you reflect hope and gentleness in your interactions, especially with those who may oppose or misunderstand your faith?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for the hope I have in Christ. Help me to live in harmony with others and respond with gentleness and respect, even in challenging situations. Teach me to follow Christ's example and trust in you through every circumstance.

Day 6: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

- Reflection Question: How can you share both the truth of the Gospel and your life with someone in a meaningful way this week?
- Prayer: God, I thank you for the privilege of sharing both your message and my life with others. Please help me to be sincere, gentle, and bold in encouraging and building up those around me in their faith.

Day 7: 1 John 4:7-21

- Reflection Question: How can you demonstrate God's love to someone in your life this week, especially someone who may be difficult to love?
- Prayer: God, thank you for your perfect love that casts out fear. I pray for a heart that reflects your love and for the courage to love others selflessly, even when it's challenging.