Missions from the Heart of God

Session 1

| Introduction to C | onference - \ | What we v | will cover |
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A biblical basis for missions

Why missions is so important to God

Why we should do missions

God's objective for missions

How to do missions in a way that is consistent with

Who God the Trinity is

His kingdom purposes

Our purposes as a church

Our new life in Christ

How the Trinity Conducted the Greatest Mission

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

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What is in God's heart?

The progression of God's mission:

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How does God's mission parallel our mission?

- Sending
- Becoming
- Going
- Abiding
- Indwelling

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¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to

| observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 |
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| has sent us. |
| ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 1 Cor. 9:19-23 |
| We must become like those we are sent to without compromising the |
| ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 |
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| Go therefore and make disciples of all nations |
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⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹² Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

| ¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. |
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| We must establish ministry partners. |
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| Missions Relationships that Reflect the Trinity Make disciples who make disciples that become healthy Christian communities Lead to lifelong partnerships Help the helped help others Advance the kingdom Become like those being ministered to without compromising the gospel Are on mission with ministries, not doing things for ministries Are relationship driven and not numbers driven. |
| Trinitarian missions in new areas |
| Partnering with existing ministries |
| Trinitarian missions in areas of need |