

The Commission

John 20:19-23

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 17:18 (NKJV)18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

I. Humble

A. As a servant

1. Phil 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NKJV

B. It not because of who we are but the One we represent that we go to a world that is lost and hell bent.

1. So many Christians come off as arrogant and condescending to the world we are to communicate to.
2. It is no wonder that we have such little affect.

C. We are just one beggar telling another beggar where we found bread.

II. Clarity

A. Singleness of mission

1. Jesus said we could not serve the money and God.
2. We cannot go after the world and still go after God, we will never find Him.

B. Jesus came to seek and save those who were lost.

- C. He was notorious for spending time with the worst sinners of His day.
 - 1. It was not that He identified with them but that the only way to reach them was to go where they were.
 - 2. You would find Him out in the public, teaching them and inviting them to a life changing encounter with God.
 - a. Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
 - 3. He did not preach on the injustice of the Roman government.
 - 4. He only made passing comments on the political figures of His day.
- D. Many of our modern churches are doing so many things that they have forgotten that they are to present a way of reconciliation to God.

III. Boldness

- A. He never apologized for His message or tried to change it to make it acceptable.
- B. He run off the men who wanted to stone the adulterous woman and at the same time told he that she had been living in sin and that she should stop.

IV. In love

- A. Jesus went into the world out of obedience to the Father.
- B. But He also came into the world because He loved us.
- C. So we must love people, even people who do not love us.
- D. Then and only then will be go into the world as He went into the world.