

SERMON: A People On Mission

January 21, 2018

SERIES: Who We Are

SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE:

John 20:19-23.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them 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 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Mission Impossible?
- II. Mission Accomplished.
- III. Mission Continued.

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group.

Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Have you ever thought about what your life's mission is? Do you live your life with the mindset of a missionary?
 2. Read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. How does it compare to Grace Baptist Church's mission statement (We exist to glorify God by making fully devoted followers of Christ who passionately love God and people)? In what ways are you part of fulfilling the Great Commission?
 3. In John 20:19-23 Jesus demonstrates in several ways that the mission is already accomplished 1) the declaration of peace, 2) his wounds that prove his victory, 3) the giving of the Spirit. Which of these encourages you? Why is it so important that we trust that our mission has already been accomplished by Christ BEFORE we set out to continue it?
 4. As Christians we continue the mission of Christ. We do this as Prophets, Priests, and Kings.
Prophet- we declare the gospel, warn others, speak the truth in love.
Priest- we serve others, pray for others, confess, we live as sacrifices to God.
King- we are servant leaders, promote justice, restrain evil, unify the church.
Which of these stands out to you? Which can you see yourself doing? Where might you need to trust God more as you move forward in mission?
 5. We said that we carry on the mission of Christ through dependency, love, joy, and suffering. Can you see these missionary mindsets in your own life? Do you live each day dependent upon Christ? Do you love where you live? Do you fight for joy in serving Christ? Do you use your suffering to display Christ and his kingdom?
- Prayer: Pray that we would be a church on mission. Pray for increased love for others and joy in serving Christ. Thank Christ for his accomplished mission and the power he gives us by his life to continue his mission.