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A healthy church focuses more on reaching than keeping. Why is that? Is the church not about being a *family* of faith and helping people feel like they belong? The local church is about welcoming people who desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, but then the goal is to become a community of believers united in a mission that compels us to do an “about-face” once we belong. It’s about looking for lost sheep outside the fold. Jesus said: “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost” (Luke 19:10). Once we know forgiveness of sin and experience true freedom in Christ, we are compelled to tell others the Good News.

Mission Statement of Christ Church—

To reach millions of unchurched persons by developing thousands of fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

## Read Luke 10:1-12

As the time drew near for Jesus to return to heaven, He “resolutely set out for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). Jesus understands the clock is ticking and He has work to do. Notice that in order to prepare the towns and villages for His arrival, He sends messengers ahead (Luke 9:52, Luke 10:1). In a similar way, we are commissioned to do that today – to prepare people (all who will listen) for Christ’s arrival.

1. Read carefully Jesus’ instructions to the disciples (the twelve plus 72 others) in Luke 10:2-9. Name at least three things you find particularly interesting about the Lord’s instructions in these verses.

Notice Jesus said at one point: “And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road” (v4b). Jesus wanted His disciples to focus on the towns and villages, to “Heal the sick and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now’” (v9). Are you burdened to reach lost people for Christ? What does mission-focus look like for you—what do you need to let go of, what do you need to embrace?

It’s easy to get sidetracked from the mission. And while the Lord understands our struggles, He still calls us from selfishness to surrender.

2. According to the following passages, what do you learn about the assignment the Lord has given each of His followers (on a personal and corporate level)?

Matthew 28:18-20

John 9:4

Ephesians 4:11-13

1 Peter 4:7-11

Perhaps you are at a place of indifference right now. Maybe you have been ignoring the Lord’s call over your life – spend some time with the Lord right now. Ask Him to forgive you and help you, to give you a heart for reaching lost people for Christ. He is coming soon. The clock is ticking, and devoted followers have work to do!

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