



How To Get Started In

# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

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# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OVERVIEW

- To understand How, we must first answer these questions:
- What
  - Who
  - When
  - Where
  - Why



# GETTING STARTED – WHAT

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## ✘ Missions

- + The activity of God's people, the body of Christ, to proclaim and demonstrate the kingdom of God cross-culturally to the lost.
- + Fulfilling the Great Commission

## ✘ International

- + Different People Groups
- + Across Geopolitical Boundaries

# WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Go and Make Disciples



Every nation, tribe and tongue must hear the good news before Christ returns to rule his kingdom on this earth. This can only be accomplished if we witness in our homes, communities, states, regions, and every country on the earth.

# WHAT IS OUR STRATEGY?

To Become Fishers Of Men



“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Matt 4:19 (NIV)

- ✘ Catch the Fish (Evangelism)
- ✘ Clean the Fish (Discipleship)

# GETTING STARTED – WHO

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- ✘ Called Apostles / Missionaries – Ephesians 4:11
- ✘ Disciples – Matthew 28:16,19
  - + <sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee
  - + <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations
- ✘ You
  - + Not the Church (Assembly of Believers)
  - + Individual Believers

# GETTING STARTED – WHEN

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✘ Acts 1:8a (NIV)

+ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

✘ NOW

# GETTING STARTED – WHERE

- ✘ Acts 1:8b – and you will be my witnesses in ...
- ✘ Location and People Group
  - + Jerusalem
  - + Judea
  - + Samaria
  - + Ends of the Earth





# GETTING STARTED – WHY

- God's passion is that all the peoples of the earth find joy in worshipping Him and glorifying His name!
  - God created us for His glory- Isaiah 43:6-7
  - God chose His people for His glory. Ephesians 1:4-6,12,14
- Missions! God's *Interim* Plan for His Passion...
- “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”  
John Piper, Let the Nations be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions

# GETTING STARTED – WHY

- Commanded – Matthew 28:18-20 – Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- Desire to see Jesus’ return – Matthew 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

# GETTING STARTED – HOW

- ✘ Going when God sends you, where He sends you, doing what he assigns you to do.
- Pray
- Prepare
- Partner



# PRAY

*“Pray without  
ceasing.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*



- ✘ To Be Used – Declare your availability
  - + Luke 10:2 – He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.
  - + Isaiah 6:8 – Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”
  
- ✘ What’s the plan for my life – where do you want me to go and what do you want me to do when I get there
  - + Jeremiah 29:11-13 – For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

# PRAY



- ✘ Strength and perseverance to overcome the obstacles that would keep us from fulfilling the Great Commission
  - + Galatians 6:9 – Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
  - + Philippians 4:13 – I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
  
- ✘ Success of God’s plan
  - + Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

# PREPARE

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- Physical Preparation
- Spiritual Preparation
- Assignment Preparation



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- ✘ Physical Preparation – Know the location and culture
  - + Do I need a passport or visa and if so how do I get one?
  - + What kind of clothes do I need to take?
  - + Can I drink the water and eat the food?
  - + What shots do I need?
  - + What are the people like – language, food, social customs, religion, etc.?
  - + What is the local economy like and how much money am I going to need?
  - + What is the political climate like?
  - + What about the geography and the climate – hot, cold, wet, dry, flat, hilly, etc.?
  - + What are the physical risks associated with the mission field?

# PREPARE

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## Spiritual Preparation – Grow as a disciple

### ✘ Bible Studies

- + Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God
- + On Mission With God: Living God's Purpose for His Glory
- + Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ

### ✘ Personal Enrichment Programs

- + MasterLife: A Biblical Process for Growing Disciples
- + Perspectives on the World Christian Movement



# PREPARE

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## Assignment Preparation – Share Your Faith (Catch the Fish)

- ✘ Sharing your faith and your testimony as a witness to the lost
- ✘ Leading someone down the Roman Road to a decision for Christ
- ✘ Overcoming the fear of witnessing
- ✘ Building relationships and identifying witnessing opportunities
- ✘ Taking advantage of impromptu witnessing opportunities

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## Assignment Preparation – Make Disciples (Clean the Fish)

- ✘ Holy Spirit responsible for cleaning the fish
- ✘ Learn to use the gifts, talents and skills that you have to facilitate cleaning by the Spirit
  - + The type of training that is needed is completely dependent on the type of activity that will take place at the mission site.
- ✘ Learn to teach by example how a disciple behaves

# PARTNER



- ✘ You must go but not alone
  - + Luke 10:1 – Jesus sent his disciples out in groups of two
    - ✘ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.
  - + Acts 9-28 – Paul always traveled with a partner

# PARTNER

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- ✘ Indigenous Ministry Partners
  - + Pray for the Godly hookup
  - + Assume a co-laborer position
  - + Remember the goal



# PARTNER

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- ✘ Missions Organizations
  - + CAB International
  - + BGAV
  - + BGCVA Missions Ministry
  - + Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention
  - + Diversified Ministries For Cultural Exchange
  - + Shalom Outreach
  - + International Missions Board
  - + NAAMC
  - + Northern Virginia Baptist Association
  - + Boundless Ministries (Great Commission Global Ministries)

# HOW TO GET STARTED – JUST DO IT!

