



## **ONE HEART FOR HELPING THE WORLD**

### **John 17:18**

- Jesus - *“Just as You (Heavenly Father) sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world.”* (John 17:18)
- **When we receive Jesus as our Savior He’s also to become the Lord of our lives.**
- *“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.”* (Romans 10:9-10)
- *“God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church.”* (Ephesians 1:22)
- *“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,”* (Philippians 2:9-11)
- *“God elevated Jesus to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord . . .”* (Philippians 2:9-11)
- **As the Lord of our lives, Jesus has the right and authority to give us instructions and direction for our lives.**
- ***What has Jesus called us to focus on in our lives and ministry efforts?***
- **In His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said that He was sending His disciples out into the world to do what He did and proclaim what He proclaimed (John 17:18).**
- Jesus - *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”* (Luke 4:18)

### ***Jesus Has Called His Followers To Bring:***

#### **SALVATION TO UNSAVED PEOPLE**

- Jesus - *“He (God’s Spirit) has anointed Me . . . to preach the gospel to the poor . . .”* (Luke 4:18)
- **Many people are “spiritually poor or bankrupt” because they have no relationship with Jesus, so they are directionless, helpless and hopeless in their lives.**
- *“Remember that in the past you were without Christ. . . . You had no hope, and you did not know God.”* (Ephesians 2:12)
- **We help people come to experience Jesus’ salvation by praying for them, ministering to them, inviting them to *Life Group* activities and *Worship Services*,**

sharing our “faith stories” with others, and by giving through our Church to support the Lord’s ministry locally and around the world.

- To change our world we need to share with others what the Lord has done and is doing, and also share with them what we’re learning from the Word of God.
- *“Philip . . . went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message . . . So there was great joy in that city.”* (Acts 8:5-6, 8)
- **Who are some “unsaved people” I need to be praying for, witnessing to, and inviting to Life Group or Church Services?**

**Jesus Has Called His Followers To Bring:**

### **CONSOLATION TO BEREAVED PEOPLE**

- Jesus - *“He (God’s Spirit) has anointed Me . . . to heal the brokenhearted.”* (Luke 4:18)
- People experience “broken hearts” because of death, disappointments, disease, divorce, etc.
- *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”* (Psalm 34:18)
- We bring “healing” to people’s lives by praying for them, ministering to them, helping them take steps to find healing for their broken hearts, and by giving through our Church to support the Lord’s ministry locally and around the world.
- The Lord says, – *“I have seen what they do, but I will heal them anyway! . . . I will comfort those who mourn, bringing words of praise to their lips, and they will have abundant peace, both near and far.”* (Isaiah 57:18-19)
- **Who are some “bereaved people” I need to be praying for and reaching out to?**

**Jesus Has Called His Followers To Bring:**

### **EMANCIPATION TO ENSLAVED PEOPLE**

- Jesus - *“He (God’s Spirit) has anointed Me . . . to proclaim liberty to captives.”* (Luke 4:18).
- People are often in bondage to sinful ambitions, attitudes, activities and relationships or to the Devil (John 8:34, Ephesians 4:26-27).
- Jesus - *“Everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”* (John 8:34)
- *“Don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”* (Ephesians 4:26-27)
- We are to help bring “freedom” to others lives by praying for them, leading them through Freedom studies (i.e. the *Encounter Book* or *Steps To Freedom*), bringing them to *Celebrate Recovery* and/or to the *Celebration Hope Center*, and by giving through our Church to support the Lord’s ministry locally and around the world.
- *“Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil’s trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.”* (2 Timothy 2:25-26)
- We can’t help others become “free” until we are “free” ourselves (Acts 19:13-16).
- Jesus - *“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:32)
- **Who are some “enslaved people” I need to be praying for and reaching out to?**

***Jesus Has Called His Followers To Bring:***

**ILLUMINATION TO BLINDED PEOPLE**

- Jesus - *“He (God’s Spirit) has anointed Me . . . to bring recovery of sight to the blind.”* (Luke 4:18)
- **Jesus healed many who were physically blind, but He primarily came to help those who are spiritually blind.**
- *“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.”* (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- **We help people overcome their “spiritual blindness” by connecting them to Jesus by teaching them God’s Word (*Life Groups, Worship Services, Christian materials, Right Now Media*, etc), and by giving through our Church to support the Lord’s ministry locally and around the world.**
- Jesus - *“I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”* (John 8:12)
- ***Who are some “blinded people” I need to be praying for and reaching out to?***

***Jesus Has Called His Followers To Bring:***

**LIBERATION TO OPPRESSED PEOPLE**

- Jesus - *“He (God’s Spirit) has anointed Me . . . to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”* (Luke 4:18)
- **“Oppressed people” are those who have been overcome and overwhelmed by the trials and tribulations of life.**
- **Many people are not only bound by their habits, but they are also crushed by their emotions, attitudes and outlooks.**
- **We help people overcome their “oppression” by praying for them, ministering to them, befriending them, bringing them to Life Groups and Worship Services, helping them grow in their relationship with the Lord, and by giving through our Church to support the Lord’s ministry locally and around the world..**
- Jesus - *“Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you . . . and you will find rest for your souls.”* (Matthew 11:28-29)
- Jesus - *“If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.”* (John 8:36)
- ***Who are some “oppressed people” I need to be praying for and reaching out to?***
  
- Jesus - *“Just as You (Heavenly Father) sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world.”* (John 17:18)
- **The Lord has called us to be involved in healing, freeing, teaching, and encouraging people and winning people to faith in Jesus because He cares about their physical, emotional, relational, spiritual and eternal wellbeing.**
- *“Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them*

*because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:35-36)*

- ***What kind of ministry could and should I be doing to help others?”***

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