

“IMPACT: The Mission”
Luke 4:42-44

Matthew 4:19 *And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

Luke 4:42-44 *And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.*

Reality #1: Following Jesus gives me the capacity to love what He loves.

Luke 4:43 *“I must ...”*

-Jesus loves the kingdom of God.

Luke 4:43 *“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God ...”*

Revelation 5:9-10 *And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

Matthew 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

“From this discovery we saw that if we as a church are disobedient, it is not ultimately the cause of God and the cause of world missions that will lose - we will lose. God's counsel will stand and he will accomplish all his purpose. His triumph is never in question, only our participation in it or our incalculable loss. We can be drunk with private concerns and indifferent to the great enterprise of world evangelization, but God will simply pass over us and do his great work while we shrivel up in our little land of comfort.” - **John Piper**

-Jesus loves the growth of the kingdom.

Luke 4:43 *“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well;”*

Acts 1:3 *He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

(Pictures of Eden, 2ea)

Reality #2: Following Jesus determines the impact I will have on the world.

Luke 4:42 *And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them*

The biggest obstacle to the growth of God's kingdom is the self-centeredness of His own people.

Mark 1:35 *And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.*

Reality #3: Following Jesus will drive the ultimate purpose in my life.

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Does the life you live reflect the purpose that you have?

Matthew 5:14 *"You are the light of the world."*

Matthew 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Jesus help me... (**Purposefully left blank**)

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