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Renewing and Re-Imagining Our Mission

Matthew 28:16-20

Mission is Movement

Genesis 12:1–3 (NIV) — **1** The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. **2** “I will make you into a great nation, and **I will bless you**; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing**. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Matthew 28:16–20 (NIV) — **16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** **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, **20** and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- ❖ As the Church, we are a people on the go.
 - God calls us away from the comfortable and familiar to the unknown of his kingdom purposes – across the street and around the world.

Mission is Ministry

- ❖ As the Church, we are a servant people.
 - We exist for the benefit of our neighbors – meeting their physical and spiritual needs in the name of Jesus.

Mission is Motivated by Faith

Matthew 6:31–33 (NIV) — **31** **So do not worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** (See also, Matt. 6:25-34)

- ❖ As the Church, we are a people who trust completely in God's provision as we are obedient to his purpose for us in Christ.

Central Thought

Part 1: A church or individual focused on the comfortable and familiar will never experience God's blessing or enter into God's purpose.

Part 2: A church or individual focused on God's kingdom purposes – with a willingness to go and to serve as he leads – will be filled with joy, faith and hope.

Questions/Homework

- ❖ Have you (or, how have you) experienced God's call to “Go” and to minister somewhere or to someone?
- ❖ What is keeping you from entering into God's mission for you?
- ❖ What steps can you take to grow in your “Missionary” awareness and willingness?
- ❖ To begin, prayerfully read the story of Abraham starting in Genesis 12, and the story of Jesus in the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.