Everyday Everywhere Stories of Restore Missionaries



Big Idea:

Jesus said his followers would do even greater things

Opening Questions:

So far in your life, what is one of the greatest things you have done?

In this series we hope to reclaim the word "missionary" and help followers of Jesus to see their calling as living out the mission of Jesus; making disciples in their everyday community.

Series verse: Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21

The resurrected Christ stood among his disciples and said that he was sending them. Sending them to continue his mission of making disciples. That same call lives on through all who follow Jesus.

1. What is a great thing you haven't done yet, but hope to do?

READ

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12

- 2. What stands out to you in this passage?
- 3. How is it possible that people can do "even greater things" than Jesus?
- 4. What evidence do you see today of followers of Jesus doing "even greater things"?

When Jesus left the earth, there were 120 believers. This is after 3 years of doing ministry on earth including physical healing. But around 50 days after Jesus left the earth, the Holy Spirit came on those 120 believers and they added 3,000 believers in one day. And the number of Christ Follower has been growing ever since.

People come to Jesus because the Holy Spirit works through his followers and the story of Jesus is shared with others. We are on a co-mission with Jesus serving as his missionaries in our everyday communities.

The overwhelming task of being a missionary feels more manageable when we break it down into these 5 practices:

- B. Begin with Prayer
- L. Listen
- E. Eat
- S. Serve
- S. Story
 - 5. Which of these 5 practices have you been using in your calling as a missionary?
 - 6. Which practice feels most challenging right now? Which practice comes most naturally?
 - 7. In last weekend's message we shared the story of 3 Restore missionaries. Which story stood out to you and what inspired you about this story?
 - 8. Who are the people God is asking you to BLESS?

MICRO GROUP

Get into smaller micro-groups of 3 or 4 for the remainder of this discussion guide. Keep these same micro groups throughout this series.

- 9. What next step are you feeling prompted in take in with one of those God is asking you to BLESS?
- 10. On Sunday, March 24th we will have a commissioning service for those who have chosen to live as missionaries. Have you decided to participate in the commissing? If so, why? If not, what is holding you back?

Pray for each person who we are called to BLESS

H2O – Habits to Outcome

Spiritual habits (Bible engagement, prayer, community, journaling, serving, sabbath, silence and solitude, etc.) help us to encounter Jesus. Every encounter with Jesus has the potential for **Character Transformation*** and **Calling Activation***. This series will focus on the spiritual habit of **Prayer**.

Challenge:

Attend Missionary Pathway A 5-week online course, beginning Monday, April 1st at 7pm Registration link at QR code



^{*}Character Transformation means that your character is demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit as you become more like Jesus. (Galatians 5:22-23)

^{*}Calling Activation means that you are living out your primary calling as a disciple maker. (Matthew 28:19-20)