



SERIES BIG IDEA:

**The Church doesn't have a mission. God's mission has a Church.**

**Jesus is the foundation for the worship of God, the family of God, and the mission of God.**

**Jesus claimed to embody the full nature of God.**

- To see Jesus is to see the Father. (John 14:9)
- To worship Jesus is to worship the Father. (Hebrews 13:15-16)
- To believe in Jesus is to receive your place in the family of God. (John 1:12-13)
- To do as Jesus did is to carry out His mission to establish the Kingdom of God.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

**Jesus came searching for the lost so they can be a part of the Kingdom of God.**

**The kingdom of God is the area of God's reign over the human heart.**

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

**The kingdom of God advances when the lost find new life in Jesus Christ.**

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:16-18 (NIV)

**Jesus is building His church on the truth that He is the Son of the living God and Savior of the world.**

**Jesus empowers His church with the authority to go and make disciples who follow Him.**

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

**The Holy Spirit empowers the church to witness to lost humanity and be on God's mission to save them. (Acts 1:8)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though



WEEK THREE:  
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God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Jesus' church is to advance God's kingdom by reaching and discipling the lost.**

- **I am reconciled to God through faith in Jesus.**
- **I am called into the ministry of reconciliation: discipling people to live in response to God's work in Christ to make us right with God.**
- **I am a witness to the good news that God reconciles to Himself all who trust in Jesus.**
- **I am Christ's ambassador. I am living as if God is making His appeal through me to those who are far from God.**

**MY NOTES:**



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**TEACHING SUMMARY:**

Michael Jordan, George Foreman, Elizabeth Taylor... These are names that most people know and most people know for not just athleticism or acting but as brand ambassadors. They represented shoe supremacy, great indoor grilling, and the height of class.

We have been called to be ambassadors for Christ. We have been called to portray Him and His values and mission to the world around us.

We have been given the ministry of reconciling the lost to Him. We do this because we have been reconciled to God through faith in Jesus. We do this from a place of being witness to what God has done in our lives. We do this as a gift for those who are close to us but far from God.

We are His ambassadors to the lost world to reconcile the world to Him in gratitude to His reconciling power in our lives through the Holy Spirit.

**TALK-IT-OVER:**

What does it mean to you to be an ambassador for Christ in the world?

Who in your life was the best example of an ambassador of Christ? What makes them stand out?

Who in your world do you feel called to disciple?

What is one next step you can take today?

Who is someone I need to tell about this?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1: John 1:1-3

Day 2: 1 John 5:19-20

Day 3: Luke 5:27-32

Day 4: 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-23

Day 5: 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

Day 6: Ephesians 2:1-10