



Mission of Love

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Share with a partner or your group what you think about when you hear the word “mission.”

Opening Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, Thank You for sending Your Son to become a human, live a perfect life, suffer, and die for the sins of the world. Through Your amazing love and by Your Spirit’s power, we have faith in our Savior. Embolden us to share the Good News of salvation in Jesus alone with those we meet. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

HIS Love

Understanding Christ’s mission while on earth helps us understand the mission He has given to His redeemed and believing children. Read the following Bible passages; identify and write concisely what Christ’s mission was.

John 1:14, 16 _____

John 3:16-17 _____

John 6:6-8 _____

Galatians 4:4-5 _____

1 Corinthians 15:3b _____

Read **Jeremiah 31:3b** and **John 3:16**. What is the reason God sent His Son to be our Savior? _____

What description does **1 John 4:8b-10** give about God and His love? _____

Faith Talk: Read **Ephesians 3:14-19**. Describe the breadth and length and height and depth (Ephesians 3:18) of Christ’s love.

What means does the Spirit lovingly use to “call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify” His people (Apostles’ Creed, First Article meaning)? See **Romans 10:17**, **Titus 3:5**, and **Matthew 26:26-28**. _____

My Response

In response to Christ’s mission of love, what does He embolden His people to do? Look for specific actions of God’s people in **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, **Psalms 96:1-3**, **Isaiah 52:7**, **John 20:21-23**, **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**, and **1 John 4:7, 11**. _____

What did Jesus tell the formerly demon-possessed man to do after he was healed in **Mark 5:19b**? _____

What did He promise to His disciples in **Acts 1:8**? _____

Where did He tell them to begin their mission and what “ripple effect” would that have? _____

How can Jesus’ witnessing plan be used by each believer? _____

Identify the places and messengers of God's love and salvation through Christ in **Acts 4:20** and **17:6**.

How had they turned the world upside down? _____

Who gave them the boldness to witness about salvation in Jesus? _____

Faith Talk: Do you remember these words to this song from the past? "What the world needs now is love, sweet love ..." An edited version could read, "What the world needs now is Christ's love, His love." Discuss the mission of every believer.

Read **Philippians 2:1-4** and **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. What practical advice does Paul give to believers in the Body of Christ — His Church? _____

What promise does our Savior give in **Matthew 28:20b**? _____

Faith Talk: Take five minutes right now to write a personal mission statement. Ask yourself: "In response to God's love, how will I love?" Be concise and try to keep it to about 25 words. If you are comfortable, share it with a partner or your small group.

Faith Walk:

1. Read and study the Apostles' Creed and the meanings to its three Articles, along with **Philippians 2:5-11**. Use them as a guide in your witnessing.
2. Tell someone in your life the Good News about salvation in Jesus. Be intentional and tell what the love of your Savior means to you.

Closing: Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing "Jesus Loves Me" (LSB 588).

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