

“Send Missionaries”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how New Day Church responds to the Gospel message in everyday life. As we gather to express our faith in worship and confess our hope in community, we will scatter to demonstrate love to the world. The G.O.S.P.E.L. Plan is how we will “show & share” the Gospel in the world throughout everyday life and on mission to the ends of the earth.

This week we learned about S – Send Missionaries. At New Day Church we send missionaries into our communities and to the ends of the earth so that others would see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. We send both short-term and long-term missionaries to the ends of the earth, both with a long-term vision of seeing disciples who make disciples multiplied throughout the world.

We learned through the story of Jesus healing the Gerasenian demoniac that a missionary is someone sent out for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with others. When this man who was possessed with a legion of demons encountered Jesus, Jesus healed him and cast the demons into a herd of pigs. When those who lived in the city and on the countryside saw what happened they begged Jesus to leave the region. However, this man, who had formerly lived naked among the tombs where no one could bind him because he would break shackles and chains, was now freed, clothed, and in his right mind. Without fear or shame he returned to his family and those who knew him best and shared the mercy Jesus had shown him. This man, formerly an outcast, was sent by Jesus to serve those who were not interested in Jesus.

This is what happens when you encounter Jesus. When you realize Jesus is more powerful than the forces of darkness, more important than your reputation among your neighbors, and able to protect you in the most unsafe of places, you can’t help but share His good Gospel with those who need to hear. This is why we send missionaries. This is why we go across the street and across the oceans. It’s why we want Jesus’ name to be magnified in the world. Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin. He broke our shackles and clothed us in righteousness. He gave us a new life free from shame and guilt.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine the truths from this text. Apply the questions asked during the message to your own life. Be prepared to answer the questions on the following page and identify those to whom Jesus has sent you. Maybe Jesus is sending you across the street to share the Gospel with your neighbor. Maybe He is sending you to the home of an enemy. Maybe He is sending you across the ocean to an unreached people group. Wherever He is sending you, make a long-term commitment to share this good Gospel with them because Jesus is worthy and He has sent you to be a missionary!

Message Outline

Purpose:

We are going to live out the gospel in our communities by sending and being short term and long term missionaries.

What is a missionary?

Someone sent out from the church for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with others.

Truths from this text:

1. Serve the people God has sent you to. (14-20)
 - Who is the target people in the story?
 - Who is the target people we are trying to reach?
2. Be set free by the Gospel. (14-15)
 - What would happen if we prayed, “what do you want to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?”
 - How do we set the people around us free?
3. Encounter Jesus (6-7)
 - Where is he going to use us?
4. God is more powerful than the forces of darkness. (1-5)
 - How can this story impact those around us?

“Send Missionaries”

Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Mark 5:1-20:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
- Pray for new DNA groups to start.

- **Local:**

- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

- **Global:**

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.