

**We're on a Mission
From God**

- **Matthew 28:18-20**

go out and “make disciples of all nations ...”

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

20 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 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. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

- **Be reconciled to God. Once reconciled to God we become new. A reference to being born again, and possibly more.**

- **becoming new**
- **turn ourselves away from our old ways.**
- **give up our old goals seeking power, money and comfort.**
- **give up our old bad habits.**
- **start to look at everyone differently, including our enemies or adversaries, doing that thing that we think is so hard, loving them.**

- **we put God first and join Him through Christ, rather than turning away from Him**
- **become ambassadors of God in his ministry of reconciliation**

- **rather than being on a mission FROM God, we are more likely on a mission WITH God**
- **The Misseo Dei**
- **Reconciliation of all nations to God**

- **From one end of the Bible in the Old Testament to the Other End in the New Testament (the bookends you've heard about before) we find example after example of God's redeeming grace trying to get humanity back to Him.**
- **Genesis and the Garden and the Fall**
- **Revelation 21:1 "Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . ."**

- **God wants as many as possible to join him.**
- **Ezekiel 33:11: "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why should you die, people of Israel?'"**
- **Ezekiel 18:32: "For I take no pleasure in anyone's death, declares the Sovereign Lord GOD; so repent and live."**

- **How do we fit into this Mission and**
- **How does that fit into our role in discipleship?**
- **As ambassadors for Christ, we become ambassadors for the kingdom of God. And Paul also explains as ambassadors of Christ, we are called to spread the message of reconciliation. And what is that but discipleship.**

- **“to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ or share religious beliefs with the goal of converting others to Christianity.”**

- **being reconciled to God means to become new. It is a transformation.**
- **We come into a new, peaceful existence with God**

- **Our aim becomes that of living for God, through Christ, in everything we do and to come along side God to disciple others to be reconciled to God.**
- **And that becomes the springboard to discipleship. We become living examples of life in the Kingdom**

- **how do we start this introduction to the Way? It can be simply starting a conversation**
- **may take a long time**
- **We live out our belief and our faith showing, not just telling, people about the Way**
- **This is living as an ambassador of Christ**

- **God's mission becomes our mission. What God wants is what we should aim for.**

- **This week, once you walk out those doors, remember you are an ambassador. Think about your life, are you living that out? Are you showing to people out there who are not reconciled with God that you are? Are you accepting the role of ambassador with the realization you need to be changed into a new person? Be reconciled to God. And finally, remember,**

We're on a mission with God!

Revelation 21:1-3

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.