

Sharpen Our Mission Focus

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Tabletalk (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Introduction:

“The most segregated hour of the week is 11 a.m. on Sunday morning” when the church gets together. Martin Luther King Jr.

1. The **Mandate** (Matt. 28 18-20 NIV; Acts 1:8 NIV)

* The **Realities**.

* Look for **people** to reach.

2. The **Method** (Matt. 25:31-46 NIV)

* **Look like** the community.

* Offer a personal, and loving touch to the **Neighborhood** and to the **Nations**.

3. The **Model** (Rev. 7:9-17 NIV)

* An integrated, **multiethnic**, multi-generational Church is God’s model of Heaven on earth.

Conclusion: *Who will you reach? What is God asking you to do?*

Warm-up: Share what blessed you the most from Pastor John Johnson’s sermon last Sunday.

Read: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

1. What is Christ’s global mandate in Matthew 28:18-20?

2. What are Christ’s promises in Mathew 28:20 and Acts 1:8?

3. What is the difference between doing witnessing and being a witness, and why is being a witness by the way we live more effective than just doing witnessing with our words?

Read: Matthew 25:31-41

4. Is the righteousness of the sheep earned through their good deeds or it is God’s kindness, love, and mercy to them? Refer to Titus 3:4-8.

5. **Discuss:** Our good deeds exhibit our righteousness but they don’t earn our righteousness.

Read: Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-12

6. **Respond:** Even in their resurrected and glorified bodies, people will retain their physical and cultural ethnic identities in heaven. How does this reality sharpen our mission focus to grow our church more into an ethnically blended community of Christ’s followers?

7. **Inspiring reminder:** God has only one Son and He was a missionary (John 3:16-19)

Pray!