

INVITATION

God invites us into his mission.

Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” NIV

Matthew 28:19-20 [Jesus said,] “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,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” NIV

Mark 12:29-31 “The most important [commandment],” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” NIV

Unite with others on the King’s mission.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. NIV

Matthew 10:5-7 These twelve [apostles] Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’” NIV

Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. NIV

Reasons:

John 13:35 [Jesus said,] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” NIV

Make repeated, continual, and intentional choices to be on mission together.

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. NIV