



On Mission to the World

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The entire lesson has taught us that when we respond to God's **INVITATION** to an intimate love relationship with Him, He brings us into **PARTNERSHIP** with Himself

Since we as individuals are the **CHURCH**, as part of a covenant body of called out ones (ecclesia), we share **Christ as the Head** of our individual existence as well as **Shepherd** of the collective Body.

He has made us to be a **foundation of power** (basileus-kingdom) and **priests** (hiereus) to serve His God and Father." (Rev. 1:6)

This places all who are part of His Kingdom the **assignment of reconciling** a lost world back to God

- To be related to Christ is to be on a mission with Him.
- John 20:21 "as my Father has sent me, I am sending you.



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The Church is a living ORGANISM with Christ as the Head and each part of the body is related one to another.

Jesus gave us a commission to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20).

- **Commission** – "authority entrusted to someone, delegated authority or power,"
 - from *com* (with or together) + *mittere* (to release, let go; send, throw"
 - **Mission involves** sending or dispatching an agent abroad for a specified purpose
- This makes every Church a **world mission strategy center**
- And when we adjust our lives to God and become **Kingdom oriented**, God involves us in His global work
- When we are **self-oriented**, our prayers deal with our families, our church and our interests.



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The Greek word *koinonia*, frequently translated as “**fellowship**,” is the best way to describe what a church ought to be doing.

- *Koinonia* occurs 20 times in the Bible and is best defined as a **genuine sharing** among and by the people of God that is **prompted by love** (Acts 2:42)
- *Koinonia* is a key aspect of the Christian life; particularly as **believers in Christ come together** in love, faith, and encouragement.
- Phil. 2:1-2 declares, “If you have any encouragement (**consolation**) from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any *koinonia* (**fellowship**) with the Spirit, if any **tenderness and compassion**, then make my joy complete by being **like-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”



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Koinonia is being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose, and serving alongside each other.

Our koinonia with each other is based on our **common koinonia** with Jesus Christ.

- I John 1:6-7 says, “If we say that we have **fellowship with Him**, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if **we walk in the light as He is in the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- A powerful example of what koinonia should look like can be found in a study of the phrase “**one another**” in the Bible
- Scripture commands us to be **devoted to one another** (Romans 12:10)



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- We are **honor** one another (Rom. 12:10)
- **Live in harmony** with one another (Rom. 12:16; I Peter 3:8)
- **Accept** one another (Romans 15:7)
- **Serve** one another in love (Galatians 5:13)
- **Be kind and compassionate** to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- **Admonish** one another (Col. 3:16)
- **Encourage** one another (I Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13),
- **Spur one another on** toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24), offer hospitality (I Peter 4:9)
- We are **to love** one another (1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11; 3:23; 4:7; 4:11-12).
- All of these is what true biblical koinonia should look like.



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The Mind is a key thought point in Philippians:

- **Phil 1:27** "...that ye stand fast in one spirit, with **one mind (psychē)** striving together for the faith of the gospel
- **Phil 2:2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded, (autos)** having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind (**phroneō**).
- **Phil 2:3** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in **lowliness of mind (tapeinophrosynē)** let each esteem other better than themselves.
- **Phil 2:5** Let **this mind (phroneō)** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- **Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, **let us mind (ibid)** the same thing.
- **Phil 3:19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who **mind (phroneō)** earthly things.)
- **Phil 4:2** I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the **same mind (ibid)** in the Lord.

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GOD



**GOD'S INVITATION
WAS TO A
RELATIONSHIP**

**WHICH INVOLVED
OUR
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What we have not mentioned is that His assignment has **GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS**



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- ❑ When Jesus said the Kingdom of heaven is at hand, He was announcing God's message **that HE was in motion** and was launching a mission to the ends of the earth (Matt. 4:17)
- ❑ John 17:4 Jesus said I have finished the work you gave me to do, even though **the cross and the resurrection had not yet happened**
 - The work God sent Him to do had to do with **preparing the Disciples** to take God's goodness to the end of the earth.
 - 17:8 all the words you told me to say I told them and **they have believed.**
 - 17:18 As you have sent me, so send I them
- ❑ God has always used **people from obscure places** who have faith the size of a mustard seed.



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- ❑ Even **the least moment in the purpose of God** has the potential like a mustard seed and the Kingdom of God is like leaven
- ❑ Every believer is caught up in the Kingdom of God but sometimes we purposefully limit what we believe God can do through our lives.
 - John 17:4 – I have glorified You on the earth -- V 9-10 I pray for the disciples, I do not pray for the world – because in His disciples was God’s plan for world change
 - ❖ **AS GOES GOD’S PEOPLE SO GOES THE REDEMPTION OF THE REST OF THE WORLD**
 - ❖ **WE CAN’T PUT SUCH A FOCUS ON EVANGELISM THAT WE NEGLECT TIME IN FELLOWSHIP**
- ❑ God’s strategy for His rule, was to touch lives and then have them so responsive He can thrust them out.

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- ❑ 17:10 I am glorified in them – the significance of Jesus rests with our lives.
 - **In essence He was saying:** As goes my people so goes My glory on the world.
 - ❑ 17:15-18 “.....As You sent me into the world, so I also sent them into the world.
 - ❖ **OUR LIVES ARE DEEPLY IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST**
 - ❖ **THIS MEANS WE MUST MAINTAIN A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE LIKE JESUS**
 - ❑ We must do a **spiritual inventory** and use the life of **Jesus as a plumb line** to determine if we are bringing Honor to Christ
 - ❑ We are **accountable to God** how we live out our lives and share the Kingdom with those who He has entrusted to us
 - ❖ **Have we shared with our children their Kingdom citizenry and roles in the Kingdom**

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□ John 20:21 As my Father sent me into the world, so I am sending you

❖ In the book of Acts **He anointed them** with the Holy spirit making them fit for the assignment

II Tim. 3:16-17 Every Scripture has been inspired by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. ¹⁷Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.

○ God's intent to thoroughly equip – to furnish completely

○ God's means of equipping – Scripture

○ God's intended recipients of such equipping – all who belong to Him



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Although God uses secular agencies to train us, there is a distinction to “equipping us.”

Knowing how to teach in the public school system doesn't mean people are equipped for teaching God's Word.

Bible teachers have a unique accountability for how they handle the word of the Almighty, All-Wise, Supreme God.

○ James 3:1 -My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Just because something seems to work in the world, doesn't mean it is right or best. God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours (Isa. 55:9)

PERSONAL STUDY

1. How is your relationship with God reflected in your relationship with your “brother” and “sister” ?
2. When one is in a right relationship with God, how does that impact their behavior toward others?



PERSONAL STUDY

3. Is it possible to be in koinonia with other Churches and denominations?

4. Name at least three things that can threaten koinonia by interfering with your love for God.



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