



# MISSIO DEI

Missio Dei is Latin for “the mission of God”. The Bible tells us the story of God and His mission to redeem and restore this world through Jesus. We need to give up our agendas and join God on His mission not tell God ours.

The whole Bible renders to us the story of God’s mission through God’s people in their engagement with God’s world for the sake of the whole of God’s creation.

## Matthew 26:20-30

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<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the <sup>[b]</sup>covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



# Sermon Notes

*“We must offer ourselves to God like a clean, smooth canvas and not worry ourselves about what God may choose to paint on it, but at each moment, feel only the stroke of His brush.”*

— Jean Pierre de Caussade

## We have a **SACRIFICE** to Remember

Remembrance: consider, reflect, let it steep into your soul

*Christ in Me ~ Christ through Me ~ Christ for Me!*

## We have a **STORY** to share

*“I once was Lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see!”* John Newton

Tell me your story...

## We have a **PROMISE** to Celebrate

*“I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”* Matthew 26:29

### Getting the most out of Communion

- (1) **Check** Your Motives (Actions, Words, Behaviors)
- (2) **Connect** with others: Share the Journey
- (3) **Contribute** : Start doing what is pleasing to God

*“True worship is not enhanced by better music, better prayers, better architecture, or even better preaching. True worship is enhanced by better relationships between those who come to worship.”* John MacArthur



# Discover | Trust | Share

GOD'S GOODNESS   GOD'S WISDOM   GOD'S KINDNESS

## ROMANS 1:16-17

This is the "Christian Manifesto"; this is the clear statement of God's good news. The main theme of Romans is commitment to Christ by Faith referred to as the "propositio" meaning the theses statement. This is where Paul begins his argument on how we are to live as Christians.

### MONDAY

As Christians we must 'live by faith,' what does that mean to you?

### TUESDAY

Read 1 Cor. 1:22-30, what are your stumbling blocks? What is foolishness to you? How have these feelings changed as you grew in Christ?

### WEDNESDAY

Ted Turner has said that "he does not need anyone to save him" why do you suppose he would think that way? Do you know people who think that way? What do you think you can do to change their minds?

### THURSDAY

Have you ever had to be rescued from a terrible situation? Such as a car crash? How did it feel to be rescued? Do you feel that Christ has rescued you? Do you have that same joy that if the 'jaws of life' had to be used to cut you out of a car just before it exploded?

### FRIDAY

How would you explain verse 17 to someone turned off to Christianity?

**"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."** Psalm 46:1

So for a disciple there is always a junction of the ways and a time to choose. How could it be otherwise? Sooner or later God beckons us on from the place where we are standing and asks that we go in a new direction. There will be bridges to build and bridges to cross. This could be difficult, demanding and profoundly challenging to us, as we seek to cross the barriers which keep us apart from those God loves and to whom God sends us. The footbridge reminds us that we will need to travel light. There may be much we will need to leave behind if we are to get to where God needs us. So we carry just the essentials; our trust in the God of loving kindness disclosed in the Bible and met face to face in the risen Jesus, our openness to the presence and empowering of God's loving energy through the Holy Spirit, and our commitment to participate in God's life-saving work of liberation and transformation.

Scripture, prayer and action was the way of Jesus, and it is our vocation too. No matter how threatening the weather ahead may look we are called to take fresh paths and to cross new bridges. We always journey on as we become the person whom God longs for us to be and travel to the place of discipleship where God needs us to be. And the sun will shine.