

## Sent On Purpose

Midweek Sermon

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*Matthew 28:16–20 (NLT)*

16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ went where Jesus told them to go.

- What’s the last clear thing God told you to do?
- Doubt is part of our process. Doubt either derails or drives us to greater faith.
- We serve under God’s authority, not our own.

### 2. Our life \_\_\_\_\_ can be summed up in three words - “Go make disciples!”

- Helping someone become a follower of Jesus
- Have you ever discipled someone?
- Who is the last person you discipled (helped grow spiritually)?

*Psalms 71:17–18 (NLT)*

17 O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. 18 Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

- We don’t retire from or outgrow proclaiming God to the next generation!
- Occupation is how we provide for ourselves financially
- Purpose is the reason or “why” behind our existence
- Commission – an assigned duty or task

*Luke 24:44–53 (NLT)*

44 Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. 47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is

forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ 48 You are witnesses of all these things. 49 “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” 50 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. 53 And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

### 3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with power (the Spirit)!

*John 20:19–22 (NLT)*

19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

- Are you walking in the power of the Holy Spirit?

### 4. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you and me!

- Nehemiah – Approaches the king - send me to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh 2)
- Isaiah – In response to God saying, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us – “Here I am – send me” (Isa 6)

*Psalm 73:28 (NLT)*

28 But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.

- Where is God sending you right now?

ANSWERS:

1. DISCIPLES
2. PURPOSE
3. FILLED
4. SENDING