

FAIRFIELD

ON MISSION
WITH GOD



VISION CASTING & PRAYER

BIBLICAL RATIONALE

To understand why we are to be on mission with God, we must begin with God's word.

1) WHY DOES BEING ON MISSION MATTER?

- John 17:17-18
- Matthew 28:18-20
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Romans 10:13-15

2) WHAT ARE WE TO BE ABOUT?

- All believers are missionaries (ambassadors, messengers)
- All believers are sent (the local church should be sending out, and know they too are sent)
- All believers carry a message (specifically, the Good News)

We are missionaries sent with a message.

To be a missionary means we are on mission.

To be on mission means to be on purpose.

VISION & PURPOSE

As we seek God's direction we ought to understand what we believe "being on mission" is *not*, and understand what it *is*.

- This is not doing something *for* God: We are on mission *with* God
- This is not either/or: We minister *both* locally *and* globally
- This is not about going "solo": We partner with missionaries and/or ministries
- This is not a "shotgun" approach: We want to be purposeful, intentional, and specific
- This is not a "one hit wonder": On-going, cooperative ministry, building relationships
- This is not about patting ourselves on the back: The glory is to God alone

PRAYER

We want to position ourselves in an attitude of humility and a posture of prayer as we seek what God would have for us to be on mission with Him.

- Our hearts to break for the lost and needy, locally and around the world
- Willingness and boldness to go where He sends and do what He commands
- Focused direction and clarity
- Unity of purpose and a cooperative spirit
- To God's glory alone

HOMEWORK

Until we meet again let's be active in a few areas.

- **Pray**

Continue to pray that we would seek God's will and direction and be open to how God would direct us (humble attitude and prayerful posture). I will be sending out future dates for us to continue to come together for prayer.

- **Share**

No doubt there are others among us who have the same heart and desire for missions, but they haven't been a part of these conversations. Draw them in by sharing with them.

- **Seek**

As we pray and share, let's begin to ask God for direction. Do you know of ministries or missionaries at work around the world? Do you know of local ministries or opportunities to serve in an on-going way? As we pray, we want to "cast the net" to begin to see the spaces God may direct us to be on mission with Him.