

# Increase Your Reach

## Living for Christ To The Fullest

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*“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

John 10:10KJV

### What is Our Commission?

- ❖ Where are we to go? Mat. 28:19; Acts 1:8
- ❖ How are we to go? Luke 10:1-16; Mat. 10:7
- ❖ When are we to go? Acts 1:8

### Why aren't we going?

- ❖ Deficiencies – Luke 22:32; John 10:10; 1 Cor. 9:27; Rev. 12:11
- ❖ Disobedience – Jonah 1:3; Luke 6:39-42; 2 Cor. 10:3-6
- ❖ Distractions – Acts 16:16; Heb. 12:1; Acts 9:10-17

### An Analysis of John 10:10

- ❖ The thief
  - Who is the thief?
  - What does the thief do?

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____

*“Thief implies deception and trickery; robber implies violence and destruction. These take away life but Jesus gives life and He gives it **abundantly**.”* David Guzik

- ❖ Jesus
  - What does Jesus do?

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	

## **What is Our Commission?**

It is the believer's responsibility to go. But we must know what we are going to do. God gave us our instructions in our commission papers the Bible. Let's look at what we have really been commissioned to do according to Matthew 28.

### **Go to the believers first – Matthew 28:8**

- ❖ How did they know to do so?
- ❖ What was their response? Vs. 9
  - Now, a hard question, what role did worship play here?
  - Is worship a place or a place of being?
- ❖ Why did they first go to the disciples? Heb. 10:32-39; Mat 26:32
- ❖ Why do we need to be right with God first? 1 Pet 3:15; Col. 3:17; Mar. 16:15; Eph. 2:10

### **Go with His Authority and not yours – Mat. 28:18**

- ❖ Where does Jesus establish the boundaries of His Power?

### **You are commissioned to Reach for the Star – not the stars – Mat. 28:20**

- ❖ We are not to teach anything other than what God has taught us – 1 Tim. 1:1-7, Rom 16:17; Tit. 1:7-16; Gal. 1:6-10

### **You are commissioned to teach nations to observe... Mat. 28:20**

- ❖ Are they practicing what they see us practicing or do we have things backwards?  
John 17: 14-18; 1 Pet. 2:9; Phil. 4:9

## Assignment

Read Acts 8:26-40 and answer the following questions:

- ❖ Who was this eunuch and what is significant about him?
  
- ❖ List 3 things required of Phillip in order to minister to this eunuch?
  
- ❖ What is God saying to you from this passage?

## **Ways to Reach The Lost** (Charisma Magazine 6/10/2013)

1. Pray fervently
2. Be an active school parent.
3. Celebrate holidays in style.
4. Join a club.
5. Coach a Little League team.
6. Build a cross-cultural bridge.
7. Adopt a child.
8. Become a pen pal.
9. Get a workout partner.
10. Bless your food server.
11. Feed the homeless.
12. Share a meal and a movie.
13. Send a card.
14. Help someone in crisis.
15. Start an office Bible study.
16. Comfort someone dying of AIDS.
17. Become a Big Brother or Sister.
18. Reach out to children in your neighborhood.
19. Be a friend.

## Why Aren't We Going?

- ❖ Deficiencies – Luke 22:32; John 10:10; 1 Cor. 9:27; Rev. 12:11
  - The “F” Word - FEAR
    - Fear of hurting our reputation – Phil. 2:6-7; Mark 16:15
    - Fear of rejection – Rom. 2:24
    - Fear of being unworthy or unqualified – John 4 ( the woman at the well)
- ❖ Disobedience – Jonah 1:3; Luke 6:39-42; 2 Cor. 10:3-6
  - No sense of urgency – Luke 2:49; John 9:4; Luke 10:4; Eph. 5:16; 2 Tim. 4:2; John 4:35
  - We really don't care or have a burden for the lost – Mat. 20:34; Mat. 23:37
- ❖ Distractions – Acts 16:16; Heb. 12:1; Acts 9:10-17
  - We don't realize how determined the devil is – 1 Pet. 5:8
  - Misplaced priorities – Mat. 6:33; Luke 10:40-41; 2 Thes. 3:11-14; 1 Tim. 5:9-13

### Assignment

From the following scriptures, pick out 1 word that stands out to you. Tell why.

**Philippians 1:20** According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

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**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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