

MAIN SESSION 1 NOTES



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YOU WERE MADE FOR A MISSION

What the Bible Says About Your Mission on Earth

1. GOD MADE ME _____

"The Lord has made **everything** for his own purposes." –Proverbs 16:4 (LB)

I was Planned for God's Pleasure (Worship)

I was Formed for God's Family (Fellowship)

I was Created to become like Christ (Discipleship)

I was Shaped to Serve God (My Ministry)

I was Made for a Mission (My Mission)

Jesus said, "In the same way that you (Father) gave me a Mission **in the world, I give them a mission in the world.**" –John 17:18 (Mes)

2. GOD PLANNED MY LIFE MISSION _____

"God is our Maker, and in our union with Christ, he has **created us for a life of good works**, which he has **already prepared** for us to do." –Ephesians 2:10 (TEV)

3. MY _____ IS TO FULFILL MY MISSION

"The most important thing is that I **complete my mission**, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace." –Acts 20:24 (NCV)

Paul: "**We make it our goal** to please him..." –2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

"...**our goal** is to measure up to God's plan for us..." –2 Corinthians 10:13 (LB)

4. FULFILLING MY MISSION _____

Jesus: "I have **brought you glory** on earth by **completing the work** you gave me to do." –John 17:4 (NIV)

5. FULFILLING MY MISSION MEANS TO _____

Jesus: "I am sending them into the world, **IN THE SAME WAY** that you sent me into the world." –John 17:18

KEY: 1. for a purpose; 2. before i was born; 3. primary task in life; 4. will bring glory to God; 5. continue doing what Jesus did

MAIN SESSION 2 NOTES



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UNDERSTAND THE ETERNAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH

Nothing matters more than God's church. God created the universe so he could create his church which will be with him forever. God's church is the only thing on earth that is going to last forever!

WHY GOD SAYS THE CHURCH IS MOST IMPORTANT

1. GOD IS LOVE!

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God IS love!" –1 John 4:8 (NIV)

2. GOD WANTED A _____

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love." –Ephesians 1:4 (Mes)

"The Lord takes pleasure in his people." –Psalm 149:4 (TEV)

"God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure." –Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

3. THE CHURCH IS _____

"That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth." –1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

"God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family." –1 Peter 1:3 (LB)

4. JESUS CAME TO EARTH _____

Jesus said, "I will build my church!" –Matthew 16:18a

5. JESUS _____ !

"...Christ loves the church and he gave up his life for her." –Ephesians 5:25 (NLT)

6. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S TOOL _____

"His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." –Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

7. THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY THING _____

"Christ Jesus will be given glory in his church forever and ever through endless ages." –Ephesians 3:21 (NLT)

8. THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY THING _____ •

Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not defeat it!" –Matthew 16:18b

9. THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY THING BIG ENOUGH TO SOLVE _____

"With God's power working in us (the church) God can do far, far more than anything we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the church!" –Ephesians 3:20–21 (NCV)

KEY: 2. family to love; 3. God's family; 4. to build his church; 5. loves & died for his church; 6. to advance his kingdom; 7. that will last forever; 8. guaranteed to succeed; 9. world problems

MAIN SESSION 3 NOTES



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IN ORDER TO FULFILL YOUR MISSION

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” –Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

HOW CAN I HAVE A HEART LIKE JESUS?

1. _____ **WHAT JESUS CARES ABOUT**

*“Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins.”
–Ephesians 5:2 (LB)*

- **JESUS CARES ABOUT HIS CHURCH**

*“Christ loved the church and gave his life for her.”
–Ephesians 5:25 (TEV)*

- **JESUS CARES ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING**

*“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
–Matthew 9:36 (NIV)*

2. _____ **TO WHAT JESUS IS INDIFFERENT TO**

*“Jesus said to a man, “Follow me!” But the man said, “Lord, let me first go bury my father.” Jesus replied “Let the dead bury the dead! Instead, you go everywhere and tell about the kingdom of God.” Then another man said, “I’ll follow you, but Lord, let me first go home to my family.” Jesus said, “Anyone who begins to plow a field but keeps looking back is of no use in the kingdom of God.”
–Luke 9:59-62 (NCV)*

- **JESUS WAS INDIFFERENT TO IMPRESSING OTHERS**

“Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me.” –John 5:41 (NLT)

- **JESUS WAS INDIFFERENT TO MONEY**

*“Life is not measured by how much one owns.”
–Luke 12:15 (NCV)*

3. _____ **AT WHAT JESUS IS ANGRY ABOUT**

“Be angry without sinning.” –Ephesians 4:26 (GW)

What Makes Jesus Mad?

- **WHEN THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN GO UNMET**

*“People brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them, but the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this he was indignant. He said... ‘Don’t push these children away! Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom.’ ”
–Mark 10:13-14 (NIV/ Mes)*

- **WHEN PEOPLE MAKE THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS WORSE**

Jesus said, “Woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them!” –Luke 11:46 (NIV)

4. _____ **LIKE JESUS WAS**

“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

KEY: 1. care about; 2. be indifferent; 3. get angry; 4. be gentle with people trapped by sin

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HOW CAN I HAVE A HEART LIKE JESUS? *continued*

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are your accusers? Is there no one to condemn you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. “Now go, and sin no more.”
–John 8:3-11 (NIV)

“Tell people to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will store up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they’ll live a fruitful life here as well.” –1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

6. _____ **WHAT JESUS CELEBRATES IN HEAVEN**

Jesus said, “I tell you that there is rejoicing and joy in heaven in the presence of God’s angels when one sinner who repents!” –Luke 15:10

5. _____ **FOR WHAT JESUS SACRIFICED**

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” –Mark 8:35 (NLT)

JESUS

Planted a Church that Preached Reconciliation

Equipped servant leaders

Assisted the poor

Cared for the sick

Educated the next generation

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” –Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

KEY: 5. sacrifice; 6. celebrate