

**What Are We About?
(Our Mission)
Luke 2:41-52
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"It broke my heart. Another church closed. This church had unbelievable potential. Indeed, it had its own "glory days," but only for a season. But, 10 years ago, few would have predicted this church's closure. Today, it is but another statistic in the ecclesiastical graveyard." Around 200 churches will close this week, maybe more."
~ **Church Leaders.com**

I MUST be about my Father's business.

1) Love Jesus with all that I am.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. **Matthew 22:37-38**

True love always come with action!

2) Love others through the love of Jesus.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **Matthew 22:39**

Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. **Deuteronomy 11:18-21**

My first mission field is my **FAMILY!!!!**

3) Make disciples of all nations.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19**

Notice it says to make disciples, not converts.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

"The goal of Christian life is to love, know and become like Jesus Christ and to encourage others to love, know and become like Jesus Christ."
~ **Tom May**

What is YOUR mission? What are you about? Do you have a life mission statement?

Why do we not focus and or stay “on mission”?

- **Selfish**
- Too many focuses. EVERYTHING we do MUST come back to love Jesus and loving others.
- Not **walking** with God.
- **Lost**

How do we stay “on mission”?

- Saved
- Walk with God **daily**.
- Godly **accountability**
- God’s **Church**

To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission
The spring from which our service overflows
Across the street or around the world
The mission's still the same
Proclaim and live the truth in Jesus' name. ~ **Steve Green**

“Jesus refused to be guided by anything other than His high call. His heart was purposeful. Most lives aim at nothing in particular and achieve it. Jesus aimed at one goal-to save humanity from its sin. He could summarize His life with one sentence: ‘The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.’ Jesus was so focused on His task that he knew when to say, ‘My time has not yet come’ and when to say, ‘it is finished’. But he was not so focused on His goal that He was unpleasant.”

~ **Max Lucado**

Prayer Focus:

Do I know Jesus?

Am I about His mission?

What is preventing me from being “on mission”?

What will I do to be “on mission”?