

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15 NIV

First Church's mission statement is *"Meeting people where they are...loving them to where Christ wants them to be."*

In your own words, how do you relate these two commissions?

What do you see as your responsibility and what do you see as God's responsibility in fulfilling both the commission and mission statement?

There are many ways to witness for Christ. The way we live our lives is one of the strongest impacts we can have on others. Do others see Christ in us? What can we do to make our lives a living testimony? As we grow in Christ, it will become our passion to see others come to salvation in Him.

While we cannot all go abroad to other nations to be missionaries, we can become a part of their ministry by praying for them faithfully and by financial support.

And, of course, the fields in our own country are white unto harvest. We can become missionaries in our own neighborhoods. How many in our own sphere of influence do we know who do not know Jesus? Read John 1:32-34

What have you seen about God that give you reason to testify about Him?

A personal testimony is a powerful witness. Would you be more willing to listen to someone who knows personally or someone who is telling of someone else's experience? Why?

Don't be intimidated by assuming that others will not listen. Today, people are looking for security in an insecure world. We, as followers of Jesus, possess the knowledge of that One who can bring that security and peace.

Think of ways you can share your personal testimony this week with someone who needs to know Jesus. How can you be that missionary who will make Him real to them?

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Sermon Notes