



## Why Go? The Mission of God

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John 20:19-23

"Is this all there is?"

"This can't be what God intended."

"Then they actually start to pastor a church and find that every church has air conditioners that break, and sinners in the pew. To make it worse, the church discovers that the pastor is a sinner too..."

Eugene Peterson

\*Our identity

\*Our mission

John 20:19-23 NLT

### He re-establishes a relationship...

John 20:19 NLT

"It was one of the more acute attracts of imposter syndrome that I've had. You have a real sense that this is an enormous responsibility and you worry that this is something you've been chosen to do by some misunderstanding."

David Naylor

This is huge and it forms our identity, our understanding of who we are. We are, before anything else, a community of sinners, who are saved by grace, who are in relationship with God not because we have it together. We are a community of people who are in relationship with God because Jesus looked at us in our weakness and said, "Peace be with you..." We are a community of grace because we have received so much grace."

### Jesus sends us into the world....

John 20:21-23 NLT

Jesus restates His mission- "As the Father has sent Me..."

The mission of God is to restore the image of God in His people, to the glory of God.

Jesus gives us His mission- "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

1Corinthians 9:20-22 Message

"I'm not going to hide in the crowd. I'm not going to bail out. I have decided to do something, to share God's love today. Even if I'm the only one, I am going to decide to make a difference in my world, to reach people beyond myself. To live and share the good news of God's love."

"Is anybody going to be in heaven because of me?"

"Thank you, I'm here because of you."

"God must have a lot of confidence in you, to put you on the planet at just this time. It was His sovereign decision to insert you onto planet earth during a time of huge transition. It takes incredible faith to lead {or follow Christ} during hinge points of history...Jesus doesn't slam you for your doubts, fears and uncertainties either. He wants to encourage you in your current assignment.

Reggie McNeal-The Present Future

"If you take care of what I care about, I'll take care of what you care about."

Psalm 37:3-4 CEV