

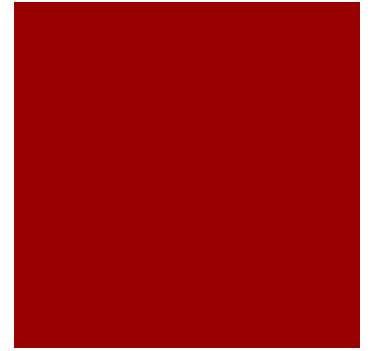


MISSION, VALUES, AND PURPOSE

SESSION 4

John 3:16

" For God loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."





We exist to Love the World



- Some people might think this is confusing because the Bible says,
 - *“Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.” 1 John 2:15*
- But this verse is speaking of the mindset, or world view, of the world. We should not love the same things loved by the world that does not know Christ.



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- Instead, we should love the same things that God loves. And God loves people who do not know Christ. That is what the gospel is all about.
 - *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*
- So we Love the World through the ministries of Missions and Evangelism. There is no greater love we can have for our world than to bring them the gospel and share the love of Jesus.
 - *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)*



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- So when we take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, we are showing the world the love of God
 - *“For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.” (2 Cor. 5:14)*
- And this is the command of Jesus:
 - *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:19-20)*
- Jesus also said:
 - *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*



THE BIBLE TEACHES

- Loving the world with the gospel is a command
- Every Christian is expected to go
- Every Christian is empowered by God to go
- Every Christian is a witness for Christ right where we are



WHAT IS EVANGELISM & MISSIONS?

- *EVANGELISM IS THE INTENTIONAL AND VOCAL SHARING OF THE "GOOD NEWS" OF JESUS CHRIST WITH THE INTENTION OF LEADING A LOST PERSON TO SALVATION.*
 - *"His intent was that through the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known . . ."* (Eph. 3:10)
 - *"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"* (Rom. 10:13-14)



WHAT IS EVANGELISM & MISSIONS?

- *THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU CANNOT DO IN HEAVEN:*
 - *SIN*
 - AND*
 - *WITNESS*

- *WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK GOD WANTS US TO DO WHILE WE ARE STILL HERE ON EARTH? AT FBCS, WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST WITNESS WITH OUR LIVES AND WITH OUR LIPS.*



WHAT IS EVANGELISM & MISSIONS?

- Missions describes the intentional effort to reach lost people with the gospel by going to them right where they are.
- A mission field is any place we find people who do not know Christ. Our key verse for going in missions is Acts 1:8:
 - *...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)*



Our Jerusalem is our home town

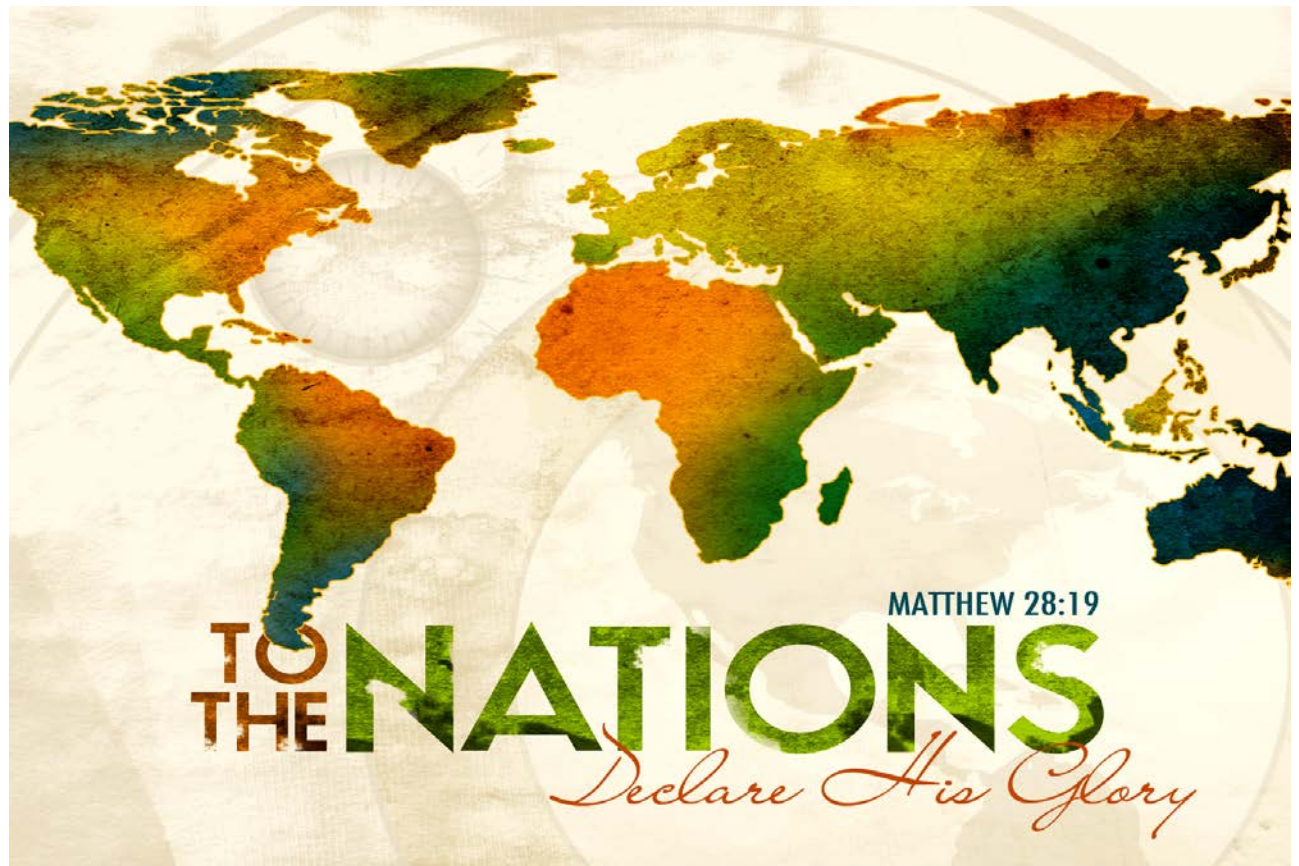


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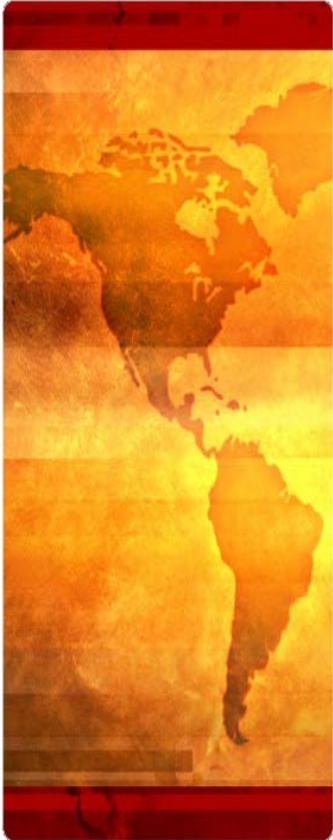


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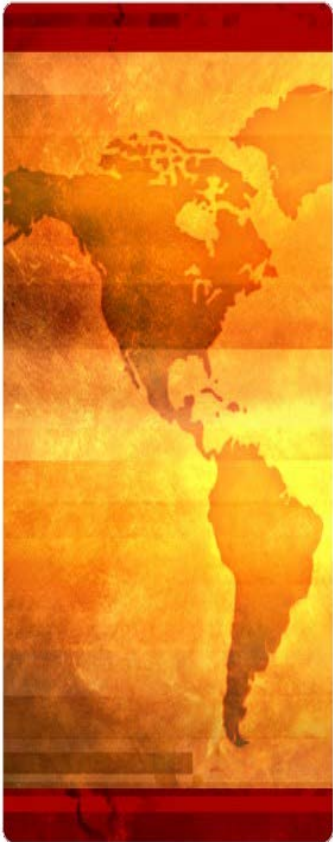


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- *“At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the message, to speak the mystery of the Messiah, for which I am in prison,” (Colossians 4:3)*
 - *“To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. Now I do all this because of the gospel, so I may become a partner in its benefits.” (1 Corinthians 9:22–23)*



WHAT IS EVANGELISM & MISSIONS?



WHEN THE CHURCH IS ON MISSION, WE SEEK TO MEET NEEDS THAT OPEN A DOOR TO PEOPLE HEARING THE GOSPEL.

HOW DOES LOVING THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL IMPACT FBCS?

- If we are loving the world with the gospel, our church will grow. And the church should never stop growing:
- Because God loves people.
 - *“The Lord . . . is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)*



HOW DOES LOVING THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL IMPACT FBCS?

- Because God commands us to reach out.
 - *"Then the master said, Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." (Luke 14:23)*
 - *" . . . you will be my witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:8)*
- Because growth is God's will.
 - *"And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47)*
 - *Jesus said, "I will build my church." (Matt. 16:18)*



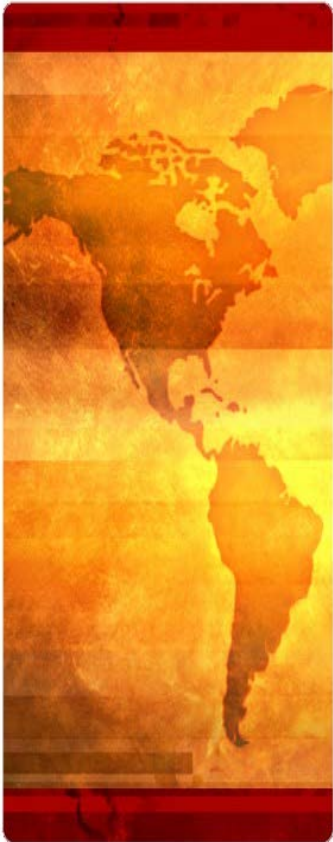
UNBIBLICAL EXCUSES FOR A CHURCH NOT GROWING

- "God isn't interested in numbers."
- "Our church wants quality, not quantity."
- "Large churches are impersonal."
- "It's too expensive."





OUR GOAL:

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- *THAT EVERY MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER AT FBCS PARTICIPATE REGULARLY IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND ANNUALLY IN MISSIONS.*