

SENT.

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Matthew 28:16-20: "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(1) COME AND SEE.

Rather than moving forward to the "sent" part, let's go back to how the disciples even became the disciples in the first place.

John 1:35-39: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

Jesus continued to call disciples, and they weren't the elite. Take comfort in that!

ARE WE SEEING OTHERS AS GOD SEES THEM?

Looking isn't the same thing as seeing or *perceiving*.

- Jesus proved this all the time!
- You can do the same.
- It starts in the heart.

(2) SENT

John 3:16: "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 17:18: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

Scripture is full of people who said yes to being sent, including the Old Testament.

- God sent Abraham to be a blessing to the nations, Moses to deliver his people, Isaiah said "Here I am, Send me!" Joseph was sent to Egypt (his words, not mine! Read Genesis 45:7-8)
- God can use bad circumstances to get you to a place where he can use you. And there's no guarantee of safety.

We are the sent ones with a mission to GO and make disciples.

- *Romans 10:13-15: "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? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

(3) NOW WHAT?

- Let go of things that are holding you back.
- Move forward from making a decision for Christ to making disciples of all nations.
- He is not looking for perfect people, he's looking for surrendered people.

2022 Wins

- City Serve: 200 said yes to go out to 7 cities in 10 locations
- Food Drive: You donated nearly 8,000 pounds of food to help our neighbors in need.
- Dozens spread out across our cities to pray together.
- We've shown up at city events and served faithfully throughout the year in partnership with local nonprofits.
- 3 Missions trips: two to Mexico and one to Costa Rica to build homes.

ACTION POINTS (Text the keywords below to 951-425-4425)

- Text "**Missions**" to see 2023 missions trips, local events, and more.
- Follow our new Instagram account @cornerstone.missions
- Join our new Facebook group attached to the Cornerstone Facebook page.
- Text "**Community**": volunteer to take carnival games to city trunk or treat events in October.
- We are growing our volunteer teams in each town. Text "**serve**", **select missions**.
- Missions Night on November 9th. Text "**Night**".
- We're taking another team to Mexico next summer! Text "**Mexico**" to learn more.
- Young Adults will go to Costa Rica next summer! Text "Trip" to learn more.
- I will take a team to Northern Tanzania in June 2023. Text "**Tanzania**". We'll have an interest meeting on December 11th to talk about the vision, budget and details.
- Let's meet up for coffee! Email me: msherman@go2cornerstone.com
- Subscribe to stay in the know. Visit go2cornerstone.com/missions to sign up for updates.

WILL YOU SAY YES?

Let's go back to where we started. Imagine you're right there with Jesus. He rose again, said that you get to be part of this great commission to make disciples of all nations, playing an active role in his mission for the whole world.

Will you say "YES"? What will happen on the other side of your YES?

I believe Jesus is still saying to you, "Come and you will see".

Text "journey" to 951-425-4425 to learn more about following Jesus.