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Reston Bible Church's Mission Statement

“To KNOW Christ and to make Him KNOWN”

**What would it take for us
to embrace God's mission for us
to love our neighbors
so seriously that it becomes
the driving priority of our lives?**

The Mission

**And he said to them, “Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of men.”**

Matthew 4:19 ESV

“I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.”

Philippians 1:12-13 ESV

“And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

Philippians 1:14 ESV

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,”

Philippians 1:27 ESV

“and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,”

Philippians 1:28-29 ESV

The Map

**“But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

Acts 1:8 NKJV



SAMARIA

JAFFA

**MEDITERRANEAN
SEA**

JERICO

JERUSALEM

QUMRAN

BETHLEHEM

JUDEA

**DEAD
SEA**

MASADA

Why is this significant?

- 1. The Mission starts in our Jerusalem**
- 2. We can be blind to the mission field right in front of us!**

“It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital “H” than it is to love individual men and women especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise, unattractive. Loving everyone in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.”

C.S. Lewis

**How are we doing
in reaching our Jerusalem?**

As a Church

- **ESL - English as a second language**
- **Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry**
- **First Fruits**

Individually

- **A core that is working hard to share**
- **A growing number who desire to share**
- **The need for more training**
 - **Engagement Project 201** - **now**
 - **The Engagement Project** - **in January**
 - **Living on Mission 101** (basic evangelism) - **In January**

The Method

**“And he appointed twelve
(whom he also named apostles)
so that they might be with him
and he might send them out to preach.”**

Mark 3:14 ESV

**“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.”**

Matthew 28:19 NIV

**“and what you have heard from me
in the presence of many witnesses
entrust to faithful men,
who will be able to teach others also.”**

2 Timothy 2:2 ESV

The Addition Method

**1 person leads 1000 people each year to Christ
but doesn't disciple them
1 x 1000 x 33 years = 33,000**

The Multiplication Method

**1 person leads another person to Christ
each year and disciples them
to the point they then do the same**

The 1st year = 2 people

The 2nd year = 4 people

The 3rd year = 8 people

The Multiplication Method

The 19th year = 500,000 people

The 33rd year = 8.6 billion people



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Being an UBER Christian!

Pressing GO

and never hitting the go offline button

Our Motivation

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“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”

2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV

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“Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”

2 Corinthians 5:11a NKJV

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- **What I forfeit when I disconnect from God and His Mission**

Jonah

**“Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah
the son of Amittai, saying,
“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city,
and call out against it,
for their evil has come up before me.”**

Jonah 1:1 NKJV

**“And the Lord appointed a great fish
to swallow up Jonah.
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish
three days and three nights..”**

Jonah 1:17 NKJV

**“When my life was fainting away,
And my prayer came to you,
Into your holy temple.
Those who pay regard to vain idols
Forsake their hope of steadfast love.**

Jonah 2:7-8 NKJV

**“But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD.**

Jonah 2:9 NKJV

Jonah's Wisdom

Those who “regard”, “cling to”, “worship”

“Worthless Idols” / “Lying Vanities”

“Forfeit”, “forsake”, “abandon”

The “mercy”, “steadfast love”, “faithfulness”

That should be theirs!

**“Those who regard *and* follow worthless idols
Turn away from their [living source of]
mercy and lovingkindness.”**

Jonah 2:8 Amplified Bible

Our Mobilization

What do we need to REMEMBER about God?

- That He is God, and I am not.
- That He is good, He is merciful, and full of grace - which I need daily!

**“Truly, truly, I say to you,
the one who hears My word,
and believes Him who sent Me,
has eternal life,
and does not come into judgment,
but has passed out of death into life.”**

John 5:24 NASB

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- **God's heart is for the lost and He invites me to join Him in His Mission**

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** for them, because they were **harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers** into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:35-38 ESV

APPLICATION

- 1) Ask God for 5 people that you will begin to pray for and actively seek to build a relationship with.**
- 2) Go through the Engagement Project 201 series.**
- 3) Use the “5 Jesus Questions” to start spiritual conversations**

The 5 Jesus Questions

- 1. Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?**
- 2. To you, who is Jesus?**
- 3. Do you believe in heaven or hell?**
- 4. If you died, where would you go, and why?**
- 5. If what you are believing is not what the Bible says, would you want to know?**



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