



Mission: A Duty or a Privilege?

Bible passage: Matthew 28:16–20

Key verse “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.” (Matt. 28:19)

Objectives:

- Understand that mission is not a burdensome obligation but a precious privilege given to all saints called by God.
- Make a commitment to embrace this privilege in daily life.

❖ I. Sharing Thoughts

1. What are some things that Christian missionaries worldwide have done up to now?

Christian missionaries have not only been engaged in preaching the word of God and establishing churches worldwide but also served in other areas, adapting to the specific conditions of each country. For example, they have established schools to improve the educational level of the general population and worked toward the expansion and development of health-care services by establishing hospitals.

2. When you hear the word *mission*, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

Africa’s wilderness, white missionaries, sacrifice, and dedication might come to mind. Some might recall the movie *The Mission*. Another response might be feeling a sense of incompetence. Missions are important, but thinking about them might bring up concerns about whether you are capable, whether an ordinary layperson can undertake such tasks, and whether missions are reserved for those specially chosen. Through this course, we will come to learn that mission work is not a burden or a weight but rather a divine calling and privilege of all believers.

❖ II. Expanding Thoughts

1. The Great Commission of Jesus
2. Calling
3. A Missionary Called

❖ III. Living Thoughts

1. Knowing that the calling that God has for us is a privilege, what are the practical differences between realizing this privilege and questioning it?

In many cases, new ways of thinking can lead to changes in behavior. Therefore, understanding God’s calling as a privilege becomes the starting point for living out that privilege. God has called us as his children and has granted special rights and authority to us. Now it is time to use these



privileges to do what brings joy to the Father. That is precisely what mission work entails. In order to be effective, mission work requires wielding the authority we receive through the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

2. What are some specific tasks in your daily life in which you can obey the Lord's missionary command?

Cultivate an interest in missions as a top priority. Likely you already know individuals within your church or among your friends who participate in mission activities in various ways. There may also be missionary works taking place in your local community. Simply considering this information can alter your perspective on missions. Further, identify specific ministries that offer space to participate and contribute. Whether you serve as a team member in the church's mission team, a volunteer in local community service, a financial contributor who sends a monthly donation, or an intercessory prayer warrior for missionaries and mission fields, as an individual you can take on numerous roles. You might be surprised by the many ways an individual can help.

