

Week 2: THE REACH OF GOD'S LOVE  
DAY 1: SHARING THE GOSPEL EVERYWHERE

### **Luke 4:42-44 (ESV)**

**And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.**

The Resurrection of Christ fulfills what Jesus said would happen and demonstrates the power of God over sin and death. It confirms that Jesus is God and that all that He said is true. Jesus came to earth on a mission, and then He tasked us with the mission to "make disciples of all nations." So many times, we give in to the temptation to simply "keep Jesus for ourselves" and neglect the purpose we have in Him to be salt and a light to the world. The great news is that Jesus promised that He is with us on this mission, and the Holy Spirit leads us through that temptation to accomplish the task of being His witnesses to the world around us. Have you ever felt inadequate for the task at hand of sharing the gospel? The same God who raised Jesus from the dead now lives inside of those who are His. He is not asking you to do something for Him, rather He is wanting to do something powerful to you and through you for His glory and your good.

Since we have the mission of Jesus to share the gospel of the kingdom of God outside of our home and church, what role can you play in the local community of faith to achieve that purpose? How are you tempted to focus internally as the church, and how can we overcome that temptation?

### **FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTION**

What is our purpose as believers in Christ, and how are we to help each other live it out as a family and as a church?

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- As we approach Resurrection Sunday pray that God will:
  - Give you eyes to see the world around you as He does.
  - Lead you in "living on purpose" as Jesus.

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