

CHRIST'S MISSION -- OUR MISSION

Sunday, July 14, 2019 -- A Great Commission Message -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

MARK 10:35-45

English Standard Version (ESV)

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36 And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

37 And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39 And they said to him, “We are able.”

And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- 1) In almost every way, the kingdom of God has an upside-down perspective in comparison to the kingdom of man.

(humility, meekness, self-sacrifice, real love vs. pride, power, position, prestige)

- 2) We can be grossly mistaken about the realities of God's kingdom. vs 35-37
Isaiah 55:8-9 and Proverbs 14:12 (16:25) ‘Sin will make you stupid.’

- 3) Jesus is a patient teacher who will graciously walk His true followers through discovery and identification with who He really is. vs 38-40

- 4) Jesus, the REIGNING KING, becomes the SUFFERING SERVANT as He lays down His life to rescue by ransom His true followers.

KEY CONCEPT -- Verses 39 and 43 reveal that our identification with Jesus in His salvation assumes our identification in His mission.

John 17:18 (Jesus speaking to the Father in the High Priestly Prayer)

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 20:20-21 (Jesus speaking after His resurrection)

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Acts 20:24 (Apostle Paul identifies His life and mission with declaring Christ)

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

SPECIFIC PRAYER for PROJECT NORTHERN LIGHTS (PNL) and our PNL Team:

(Sharing the Gospel and distributing thousands of Bible-packets to North African Muslims in France.)

1. Pray for God to 'open a door to share the mystery of Christ' (Colossians 4:3).
2. Pray for boldness to share the Gospel amidst intimidating circumstances.
3. Pray for God to give 'divine appointments' with people who are ready to receive.
4. Pray for seeds of the Gospel to be sown in good soil that will bring a great harvest.
5. Pray for God's Word to instantly, radically change hearts -- 'Sauls turned to Pauls'!
6. Pray for bodily strength and stamina for our team to do the exhausting work.
7. Pray for traffic jams at the port gates that stop the cars so packets can be offered.
8. Pray for helpful police and port officials to allow us to do our work.
9. Pray for protection from those who hate the Gospel. (2 Thess. 3:2)
10. Pray our team members will experience life-long growth from this experience.

SPECIFIC PRAYER for the MK CONFERENCE Team: July 11th-20th

(We are conducting a very special youth camp for MK's from hard places.)

1. Pray for saving faith and turning to Christ for any kids who have not yet come to Him.
2. Pray for our team to have God's wisdom, insight and sensitivity as they minister to the kids.
3. Pray for the kids who are struggling with the hardships of adolescence and ministry life.
4. Pray for the kids to develop a deep hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and truth.
5. Pray for 'Aha! moments' and spiritual breakthroughs as our team teaches/loves the kids.
6. Pray for our team to be healthy and energetic so they can complete this important task.
7. Pray for Ben and others as they teach the INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD to the kids.
8. Pray for God's protection from evil people and distractions from the aims of the conference.
9. Pray our team is unified as they need to work closely together for long days.
10. Pray for each of our team members to spiritually grow as a result of this mission task.