



Four Faith: Vision 2011

Faith for Missional Life

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Maturing in Mission: 'Missional' is a term that was first used in 1998 to refer to a vision of

fulfilling the Great Commission through individual relational evangelism.

For the rest of the year: In this last message in our series—I hope that each of us would consider committing to the three following 'Missional' attitudes/activities during the rest of 2011.

1. **Pray for the World** Matt 9:36-38

a. The numbers: It is estimated that there are over 4.5 billion people in the world without Christ and up 1 billion that have never heard the Gospel. Over 1 billion are starving or on the verge of starvation.

b. How can we pray for the world? Matt 9:36-38 In this passage Jesus does not immediately send the disciples to help those in need. Before He told them to go (Matt 10) He told them pray.

What to pray for? Instead of praying for the needy—Jesus said to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into the harvest. Join with me this year as we pray for different countries each month that God would send His workers to the field. Check out these web sites:

<http://www.operationworld.org/>

<http://worldmissions.ag.org/>

2. **Give to Missions: Spend Less Give More** Heb 11:13-16

a. The numbers: If you earn or receive \$10k a year you are wealthier than 84% of the world's population. If you earn/receive \$50k a year you are wealthier than 99% of the world.

b. Refocus your life for a year: The Hebrews who died in faith had their eyes set on the Kingdom of God. Rather than being consumed by the world—let God's vision and purpose consume you. See what happens!

c. Setting a cap: John Wesley and other father's of the faith set a 'cap' [a limit] on their lifestyle for the sake of the Gospel and the need around them. Consider a sacrificial cap on specific spending areas this year.

d. Giving with a purpose: What you save by capping spending, purpose to give those funds to specific 'mission' related ministries.

3. **Disciple Someone** Matt 28:19-20

a. Everyone is called: This passage is for every believer—we are ALL to make disciples.

b. What does a disciple maker do?

Go: You don't have to go far—next door, above, below and all around. Follow the Jesus model—He invited just a few to walk with Him. He lived for them, loved them, served them, lead them and was in Relationship with them.

Teach: After you are 'going' with them—began reproducing Jesus in them. You must be a reproducer not a simply a receiver. Remember—YOU are the light of the world!!! So who is your light shinning on?

Baptize: Water baptism is an ordinance of the Church so part of being a disciple maker is being connected to a local Church. In the book of Acts all of those who received Christ were baptized in water. Acts 2:38. You don't have to do the baptizing—but the disciple maker needs to be baptized and lead the way for others to be baptized.

Matthew 9:36-38 (KJV)

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; **38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Heb 11:13-16 (ESV)

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **14** For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.