

## Week two: Passion Series

### Big Idea: God's Passion compels us to fulfill our mission

**Warm up:** What is your family value that has been handed down to you by your parents?

#### Introduction

Whether in our family (respect for elders), school (learning) or company (work ethics), there are important values that have been handed down to us. In the same way, the Great Commission has been entrusted to us (church) by Christ.

#### Message

##### Matthew 28:18-20

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"*

Jesus gave the clear command and empowered the Church to make disciples of all nations.

##### Acts 1:8

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

All power and authority has been given to Jesus. And Jesus is giving the same power to the Church. Therefore Go and Make Disciples.

### One Point: God's Passion compels us to fulfill our mission

##### Romans 10:13-15

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Illustration:** 9 out of 10 people in the world today still need to hear and respond to the gospel. God entrusted the church with His message to "Go and Tell" and not to "Come and Hear."

How? There are two dynamics we see in Romans 10 – **the going and sending.**

#### 1. Go

You can take part in a short-term mission trip or commit on a more long-term basis. I highly encourage you to believe God for an opportunity to go to the nations to share the gospel.

#### a. Long Term

Every Nation Ministries' mission is to establish churches and campus ministries in every nation.

#### b. Short Term

Not everyone is called for long-term cross-cultural missionaries. But everyone can go for a week or more through our "Ten Days" strategic short-term missions program.

**Illus:** Every summer and semestral break, we periodically send mission teams that will go for "ten days" to help strengthen our mission churches and reach peoples of other cultures to nations such as China, Thailand, Malaysia, India, etc. Hundreds have joined and lives changed. If you would like to join the next wave of short-term missions, wait for the announcements in November. Victory was birthed 25 years ago out of a 1-month short-term mission trip by a group of American students.

#### 2. SEND

Most of you will help fulfill the Great Commission as senders. If you are a student, a single mom, a full time professional, a businessman, you can help us reach Every Nation in Our Generation.

##### 2 Corinthians 5:14

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died."*

a. **Pray** – through individual, local church prayer meetings, monthly Missions prayer meeting - Our missionaries is dependent on our prayer support. We can stand in the gap.

##### 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

*"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith."*

b. **Give** – every peso that goes to World Partners supports our missionaries and church plants.

By Going and Sending, each local church can become a global church.

##### Philippians 1:4-5

*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"*

In 1986 after 2 years of existence (even if we're still struggling to pay the rent), Victory U-Belt raised \$200 for our missions fund to divide into 8 (to support 8 missionaries abroad). We've done our best to reach the nations even when we're small. We can't wait until we have enough money. The one who sows is the one who will reap. Our finances from that time on went up.

**Application Question:** Are you willing to take part in fulfilling the Great Commission by going, sending, giving or praying?