

## **Commitment - Session 4**

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I. Introduction - There is one thing that is vital in making an impact for Jesus Christ in this world - commitment. Those who have had the greatest impact have historically shown the greatest commitment.

II. The condition for national evangelism is individual commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word.

III. If we are going to save others, we must be willing to give up our self. (Mark 15:31, Luke 23:36-37, Matthew 27:44, Mark 15:29-30, 8:34-35, John 12:24)

- A. We decide between self and Christ - you cannot do both.
- B. You cannot lose that which you have already given away.
- C. Do not love the world, but set your affections on things above. (1 John 3:15-16)

IV. Why make a total commitment?

- A. Our life is a vapor. We can live a big life if we live it in the will of God. (James 4:14)
- B. The only things that will last for eternity is God, God's Word, and people - if we get involved in these then our lives are meshed with eternity. (2 Peter 3:9)
- C. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 6:14)

V. What keeps us on the track.

- A. Make a deep bedrock commitment to Jesus for time and eternity. (2 Corinthians 5:14)
- B. Faith needs no precedent. The disciples forsook all and followed Jesus. (Luke 5)
- C. God is no respecter of persons, however. Each must decide to place himself under the full authority of Christ and His Word. (Mark 10)

### **Application Questions**

1. How did the nationals show the importance of individual obedience in their mission statement?

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2. Which reason for a total commitment stood out to you? Explain.

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3. How does Peter demonstrate a total commitment? What would a total commitment look like for you right now?

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