

Layman in Missions

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I. Introduction.

A. We need to know what Christ would have us to do today. (1 Chronicles 12:32)

B. The revival happening in the world is not happening here because the church is losing its influence and the saints are ill-equipped.

II. To get out of this place, we need to recognize who we are as laymen.

III. Success needs to be measured by what God wants done, in the way he wants it done and when he wants it done.

IV. Wrong ideas of ultimate solutions must be cast aside. (Matthew 4)

V. God's ultimate objective is to win people to Jesus and forgive their sins.

VI. In response we can know the Great Commission.

A. Mark gives the scope of the Great Commission in Mark 16:15.

B. Luke gives the message of the Great Commission in 24:45: repentance (Luke 13; Matthew 3:8)

C. Matthew gives method of the Great Commission in 28:19-20: winning men to Christ and making disciples. Disciples are produced one by one.

D. The power of the Great Commission is found in Acts 1:8 to be the Holy Spirit.

VII. How to share the gospel (steps to peace with God).

A. God's purpose: peace and life.

B. God's remedy: the cross.

C. Our response: trusting and receiving Christ.

Application questions:

1. How would you explain the role of the layman in the ministry?

2. What do you need to do to enhance your ministry as a layman?

3. How would you share the gospel? What verses would you rely on? Explain.
