The Mission of Jesus April 6, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- If you could witness one moment from Jesus' life firsthand, which would it be ?
- In your own words, why do you think Jesus came?

Read Together: Philippians 2:6-8

Who, being in very nature God, <u>did not consider equality with God something to</u> <u>be used to his own advantage</u>; rather, he <u>made himself nothing</u> by taking the very <u>nature of a servant</u>, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he <u>humbled himself</u> by <u>becoming obedient to death</u>–even death on a cross!

Genesis 1:21

God saw all that he had made, and <u>it was very good</u>...

<mark>Genesis 12:2-3</mark>

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed through you**."

Exodus 6:7

I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God...

Exodus 25:8

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and <u>I will dwell among them</u>."

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for **<u>the kingdom of heaven has</u> come near."** Matthew 4:19

"<u>Come, follow me</u>," Jesus said, "and <u>I will send you out to fish for people</u>."

Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "<mark>All authority in heaven and on earth</mark> has been given to me. <u>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations</u>...

Matthew 28:20

... "And surely <u>I am with you always</u>, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 26:27-28

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. **This is my blood of the covenant**...

Discuss Together:

- As you read Philippians 2:6-8, what do these verses reveal about Jesus' mission and character?
- How does Genesis 1:21 shape our understanding of God's original intent for creation.?
- In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives the Great Commission. How does this connect to the mission of God throughout Scripture?
- What does it mean to you that God's mission is part of His nature, not just something He does?
- In what ways do we sometimes resist being part of God's mission?
- Where in your life are you making space for God's presence? Where do you need to make more room?
- How can you reflect the mission of God in your everyday interactions this week?

Pray :

Spend time praying for God to open your eyes to opportunities to embody His mission. Ask for a deeper awareness of His presence and how you can reflect His love to others.