

Meet and Greet after the first song: Meet and Greet after the first song: Shake hands and say, "It is so nice to see you here today, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ What is yours? Ask each other: "What is a shop you visit often?""

Luk 16:9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home"

### Intro

Jesus gives very interesting advice in Luke 16:9, or your might say heavenly investment advice, because the return on investment is eternal. His investment advice is put everything He has given us - time, relationships, money, skills, and opportunities to make forever friends.

Every day on this earth therefore has eternal significance in the difference it makes for eternity. That work of eternal significance isn't reserved for a few professional evangelists but is the privilege of a whole movement of everyday missionaries. Every Christian can have beautiful feet!

Everyday you have here on this earth is an opportunity to engage in relationships with people that will have an eternal impact on Heaven.

The work is not designated for a few gifted men. God's primary way of reaching people is through all of His people. Availability is more important than ability.

It is not a few qualified who are called, everyone one who is called He qualifies. Every Christian is to be an everyday missionary who has beautiful feet!

Rom 10 '*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*' **14** *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? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'*

A big problem is being brought up in these verses – the problem is that although salvation is available to all it is only available if people call and people only call when they hear. Our role therefore in being an everyday missionary is to ensure people hear. Our mission is to be messengers of good news.

In Roman times the victorious generals would send messengers from the battlefield to the cities across the empire with a message, known as a gospel. They would say 'I bring you good news of great joy, a battle has been fought and won – you are therefore free from fear of attack and are able to live your lives in a new era of peace and goodwill.

That's the gospel message announced by the angels to the shepherds on Christmas day and **that's the message Jesus equips us to go and speak each day. Any everyday missionary is a daily messenger of Jesus victory over sin and death, and now able to live lives free from the power and penalty of sin.**

Boiling it down to the nitty gritty, being an everyday missionary is about one person sharing the water of life with another person dying of thirst in a desert.

This definition helps us understand three requirements of being an everyday missionary:

We need to have:

- a knowledge of the water of life we have to share
- a willingness to cross the room and share the water of life
- the compassion to see people as dying for lack of water in a desert.

Jesus' heart is full of compassion for lost people – for example in Matt 9 after being accused of doing the work of the Devil it says -

Matthew 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Instead of rebuking His accusers he seeks out people to share the Good News everywhere, and serve the broken.

While sharing and serving, the multitudes amass and instead of complaining He is moved with compassion and confronted with His human limitation.

He loves the people so much, He recognizes He needs more people to be everyday missionaries like Him.

Jesus' compassion leads him to outline a strategy for being an everyday missionary and it's a strategy that involves all of us (Matt 9:37-38).

Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Jesus taught that being an everyday missionary involves every follower of Jesus going as a worker into their harvest field where they bring good news of great joy about the Saviour - Jesus.

### **First Step in Being an Everyday Missionary is: Knowing we are sent**

**So the first step in being everyday missionaries is to know that we are sent each day by the Lord Jesus into a mission field He has already prepared for us.**

When Jesus sends out his disciples on the mission field as everyday missionaries in Matthew 10 he tells them where He wants them to go and to find the receptive people. The people who are open to hearing the gospel – **the crop in the field ripe for harvest.**

Paul follows Jesus' model when in Philippi in Acts 16. He goes to the place of prayer where receptive people gather and he speaks of Jesus and the Lord opens Lydia's heart to receive the gospel.

Paul goes to her home where he continues to invest in her by teaching her about the water of life and the church of Philippi is birthed.

The challenge for us is switch on the mission mindset everyday? Start each day not by reaching out to check our social media or news media, or Waze for direction, instead look up and check in with The Way for direction.

Good morning Lord, this is a day you've made, please send me today into your mission field and give me opportunities to speak to the receptive Lydia's.

I guarantee it's a prayer the Lord of the Harvest will answer! So do you know your mission fields and go into them as an everyday missionary?

Our mission fields are the places where we have an opportunity to relate with unbelievers

This includes friends, co-workers and clients, the networks of contacts we have, people who live in our neighbourhood, people we meet at parties and events –

Every moment of our waking time when we're in communication with other people is one sort of a harvest field or other.

**Knowing we are sent is about switching our mindset to being an everyday missionary. We are all going out as messengers to blinded rebel captives, who need to hear and see that there is a good king who has set them free.**

For example when Jesus came into Jerusalem he wept because he saw how what would bring them peace was hidden from them – they were going about their lives in ignorance of the source of eternal life. When Jesus saw them in their spiritual reality He wept for them in their lostness.

We should go into our mission fields with spiritual reality goggles on – going into the activities of each day with a compassion for lost people and a longing to share the water of life with them.

**Something to try:** Start each day with this prayer: "Good morning, Lord. This is a day you have made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Please send me into your mission field today and give me opportunities to speak to people about you." It's a prayer that the Lord of the harvest loves to answer!

### **Prinking Questions: (Done alone in silence, or whisper voices) (5 minutes)**

Rate yourself from 1-10, One being very bad it, and 10 is being like the Apostle Paul.

How strong is your knowledge of the water of life?

How willing are you to cross the room and share the water of life?

How much compassion do you have for people dying due to lack of water of life in a desert?

Pray and ask the Lord to give you the desire to improve each area.

Knowing Jesus, Willingness to share Jesus, and Compassion for those without Jesus.

Practice the prayer: "Good morning, Lord. This is a day you have made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Please send me into your mission field today and give me opportunities to speak to people about you."

**Small Group Discussion: In groups of three or four. 12 Minutes (Switch question slides every 3 Minutes)**

1. Who are the workers of the harvest?
2. Who sends the workers to the harvest (on mission)?
3. Where is your harvest field? (Where are you on mission?)
4. When are you supposed to harvest? (When are you on mission?)

**Large Group Discussion:**

**Quickly go over the 4 small group questions - asking for volunteers to answer**

What are ways we can foster a mindset of being sent on mission for Jesus Christ every day, every place?

**Wrap Up:**

One of the ways we get to show Jesus that we truly love him for what He has done for us, is to have a sent mindset, a willing heart to engage with people He loves to death. To have compassion as He had compassion. To have the courage and boldness to talk about the love of our life.

Pray together: (On Screen) "Good morning, Lord. This is a day you have made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Please send me into your mission field today and give me opportunities to speak to people about you."