

# Lesson Nine: “Go Make Disciples”

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## **A. Global Aspects of Comprehensive Mission**

Social justice?

Historically the church has indeed seen its mission in these broad terms. It is not a matter of engaging in *both* the gospel *and* social action, as if Christian social action was something separate from the gospel itself. The gospel has to be demonstrated in word and deed. Biblically, the gospel includes the totality of all that is good news from God for all that is bad news in human life—in every sphere. So like Jesus, authentic Christian mission has included good news for the poor, compassion for the sick and suffering justice for the oppressed, liberation for the enslaved. The gospel of the Servant of God in the power of the Spirit of God addresses every area of human need and every area that has been broken and twisted by sin and evil. And the heart of the gospel, in all of these areas, is the cross of Christ.

Christopher J.H. Wright, *Knowing the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament*

Romans 15:23–29

## **B. Prayer: Spiritual Warfare, Mission, and Evangelism**

The Lord’s Prayer as worldview

## **C. Relating to Outsiders**

Hebrews 2:7–8 . . . ALREADY, but not yet . . .

1. Typical approach: A versus B
2. 1 Peter 1:14–15
3. Evangelism: Ambassadors-at-Large

2 Corinthians 5:17–21; cf. John in Matthew 3:1–14; Paul in Acts 17:16–31

Requires COURAGE:

Pattern in Mark's Gospel

John “preaches” and is “delivered up” 1:7, 14

Jesus “preaches” and is “delivered up” 1:14, 9:3, 10:33

Jesus' disciples “will preach” and be “delivered up” 3:14, 13:9-13

Requires COMMITMENT: Matthew 3:4 and “Ambassadorial Austerity”;  
2 Timothy 2:1–10

**D. After Evangelism: Discipleship** (Ephesians 2:1–10)

**E. Remember your motivation**