



THE BIG ASSIGNMENT

Training People to Serve Christ

Matthew 28:19-20

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18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (ESV)

1. Sacrificially _____ (Phil.4:13-20)

2. Faithfully _____ (Col.4:2-6)

3. Enthusiastically _____ (1Pt.4:7-11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Philippians 2:3-8**. How are you doing at maintaining this mindset, particularly as it relates to your involvement in and assessment of your church? How should this passage change the way you view church?
2. Read **Luke 12:15-21**. What are some of the factors that make being "rich toward God" so difficult and following the pattern of the world (and the man in this parable) so tempting?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**. What specific motivations found in this passage prompt you to be more faithful and generous in giving to the Lord's work?
4. Read **Colossians 4:12**. Based on the noteworthy example of Epaphras, what specifically should be adjusted in your prayer life?
5. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. How does a healthy church (like the one described in this passage) indirectly encourage the individuals in it to actually engage in the work of the Great Commission?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

September 30th

Is. 19-21 & Eph. 2

October 1st

Is. 22-23 & Eph. 3

October 2nd

Is. 24-26 & Eph. 4

October 3rd

Is. 27-28 & Eph. 5

October 4th

Is. 29-30 & Eph. 6

October 5th

Is. 31-33 & Phil. 1

October 6th

Is. 34-36 & Phil. 2

October 7th

Is. 37-38 & Phil. 3

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 0910 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

Msg. # 0820 – **Gospel Crazy: Willing to Serve Its Participants**

Msg. # 0558 – **Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**

Msg. # 0714 – **Trusting God Enough to Give Him Our Best**

Msg. # 0417 – **Making Sense of Offerings, Tithing & Temple Taxes**

Msg. # 1101—1107 – **Sold-Out Servants** (a seven-part series on serving)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

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Mandryk, Jason. **Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation. Seventh Edition**. Biblica Publishing, 2010.

Putnam, Robert. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001. (Reference on culture.)

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.