

The GREAT COMMISSION
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Barrier Crossing

BARRIERS

- * Geographic / Territorial ^{BL3}
- * Language / World View ^{BL2}
- * Religion / Culture ^{BL2}
- * Belief / Faith ^{BL1}
- * Spiritual / heart

Luke 3:4-6

As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, **"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation."**

John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10

"For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

"This is how God showed his love among us: He **sent** his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent** his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Matthew 28:18-20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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BL1 You have faith/trust in that in which you believe.

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BL2 Culture is a function of religion. There is no such thing as a "nonreligious" culture, or a person who does not worship...the only question is the object of worship. A person can not escape being a religious worshiper any more than an apple can escape being a fruit. Man is created as a fundamentally religious creature by nature, a nature he cannot avoid or escape. Belief in nothing/self is the religion of the atheist.

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BL3 Language and world view tie together to form the larger picture of "communication" within a people group.

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Difference between BEING “missional” and DOING “missions”^{BL6}

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| <p>✳ Being MISSIONAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Staying “right here” – “Neighbors”^{BL4} – Local people^{BL4} – As a national citizen – Cross SOME barriers – To Jerusalem & Judea
<i>(then to Samaria & the World – “missions”) ...</i> | <p>✳ Doing MISSIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Going “over there” – “Non-neighbors”^{BL5} – Distant people^{BL5} – As a foreign national – Cross ALL barriers – To Samaria & the entire World |
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THEME AND VISION

- ✳ **Theme:**
- ...“Preparing the way for the Lord...and all people will see God’s salvation...”^{BL9}
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- ✳ **Vision:**
- Gospel access for and from all peoples.

Romans 10:13-15

... for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 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? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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- BL4** individuals and families within local demographic groups, immigrant ethnic groups
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- BL5** Individuals and families within a foreign population's demographic groups, Diaspora emigrants, foreign ethnic groups
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- BL6** Thus missions is a subset, a much more specific thing, than being "missional" as a Church. With it come extra and unique barriers to cross. For those of us in the United States, looking from our vantage point, with it comes a whole different situation regarding the need for "access." America is a place of free and bountiful access to the Gospel...Missions as a unique task takes us to places where access is very limited or non-existent. EXAMPLE OF ICE-BREAKER EXERCISE AT CHURCH LEADERS' MEETING. By spiritual age...and several were behind me, having been a believer longer than I had. But here is the difference. Had we divided into groups whose parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, had heard the gospel, it would have broken us into two groups...foreigners and Mongolian nationals. Gospel access was one generation away from nonexistence.
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- BL7** You have faith/trust in that in which you believe.
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- BL8** Culture is a function of religion. There is no such thing as a "nonreligious" culture, or a person who does not worship...the only question is the object of worship. A person can not escape being a religious worshiper any more than an apple can escape being a fruit. Man is created as a fundamentally religious creature by nature, a nature he cannot avoid or escape. Belief in nothing/self is the religion of the atheist.
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