



GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

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Summary:

This Message emphasizes the importance of living out our baptismal commission by being active participants in God's mission. Bruce challenges listeners to recognize that they are sent by God into their everyday environments to be Christ's representatives. The message encourages believers to register their current ministries, engage in new outreach efforts, and consider participating in or supporting a formation program to equip people for mission.

Key Points:

- We are commissioned by our baptism to be Christ's representatives in the world
- Our everyday environments are "holy ground" where we can serve God
- We need to intentionally go out to reach those who don't connect with the church
- Impacters are called to recognize, register, and expand their current ministries
- The church needs to engage in active outreach beyond its walls
- Formation and support are crucial for effective ministry

Scripture Reference:

- John 10:10 - "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."
- Exodus 3:1-5 - Moses and the burning bush on holy ground
- John 20:21 - "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Stories:

- The story of Moses being called by God through the burning bush
- The analogy of God as a "divine dentist" shaking loose our settled beliefs
- References to St. Mary MacKillop's innovative approach to ministry by sending nuns in pairs to live among the people
- Personal anecdotes about Bruce's past Christmases and the need to serve others

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (For Individual or Group Reflection)

How can we embody the concept of being 'sent' in our daily lives, and what challenges might we face in doing so?

In what ways can we make our 'ordinary life' holy ground, as discussed in the message about Moses and the burning bush?

How might our understanding of evangelization change if we focus more on 'going out' rather than expecting people to come to us?

What does it mean to be the 'hands, feet, and voice of Jesus' in today's world, and how can we practically live this out?

How can we avoid becoming 'familiar with the spectacular' in our spiritual lives, as mentioned in the sermon?

In what ways can we apply St. Mary MacKillop's wisdom to 'never see a need without doing something about it' in our own contexts?

How might our approach to ministry and outreach change if we truly believed that 'where you are right now in life is special'?

What are some practical ways we can create 'missionary outposts' in our local communities, as suggested in the message?

How can we balance the call to go out into the world with the need for personal spiritual formation and growth?

In what ways can we support and encourage each other to be 'impactors' in our various spheres of influence?

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Opening Prayer:

Pray the Impacters prayer together as a group. Begin by asking God to open your hearts and minds to His message and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. We are all called to be "Impacters" - people committed to living out the fullness of life found in Jesus Christ.
2. Our baptism commissions us to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world.
3. Mission is not just overseas, but across the kitchen table, in our workplaces, and in our everyday interactions.
4. We are called to deliberately go to people, carrying God's presence into the world.
5. Our ordinary life is holy ground where we can serve and impact others for Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. Bruce emphasizes that we are "sent" into our workplaces, homes, and neighborhoods. How does this perspective change the way you view your daily routines and interactions?
2. Reflect on the statement: "Your ordinary life is holy ground." How can you start seeing your everyday spaces as opportunities for ministry?
3. The message mentions St. Mary MacKillop's saying, "Never see a need without doing something about it." Share an example of a need you've noticed recently. How might you address it?
4. How does the idea of being "the hands and feet of Jesus" challenge or inspire you? What might this look like practically in your life?
5. The speaker talks about the importance of proximity in evangelization. How can we intentionally create opportunities to be near those who don't know Christ?
6. Discuss the concept of "familiar things becoming ordinary over time." How can we maintain a sense of awe and gratitude for God's work in our lives?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one "holy ground" moment each day - a time when you recognize God's presence in your ordinary routines.
2. Choose one practical way to be "the hands and feet of Jesus" in your community this week. Share your plan with the group.
3. Reflect on your current activities and ministries. Consider registering them with the Impacters Hands and Feet Ministry to receive support and connect with others.
4. Pray for opportunities to have meaningful spiritual conversations with those around you who may not know Christ.
5. Discuss as a group: Is there a need in your community that you could address together? Brainstorm ideas for a potential outreach project.

Closing Prayer:

Close the session by praying for each other, asking God to help you see your daily life as mission and to empower you to be impactors in your spheres of influence.