

Message Title: Join the Kingdom Mission

Series: Allegiance – All In for the King (Week 5)

Key Texts: Matthew 28:18–20 | Acts 1:8 | Revelation 1:5–6

Big Idea: Because Jesus is the risen and reigning King, every disciple is commissioned, empowered, and dignified as an ambassador who embodies and announces His kingdom wherever we live, work, and play.

Introduction: The Ambassador Assignment

- **Illustration:** Ambassadors don't speak for themselves—they speak with the authority of the one who sent them.
- **Truth:** If you belong to Jesus, you are His ambassador.
- **Question:** When you walk into a room, do others know who you represent?

“Whether or not you own a passport, the moment you bowed the knee to King Jesus you received a greater diplomatic assignment than any earthly embassy could give.”

Point 1: Commissioned by the King

Text: *Matthew 28:18–20*

Jesus' Authority (v.18)

- “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”
- Not just a command—this is a **coronation**.
- His authority is cosmic, political, spiritual, and personal.

“The resurrection of Jesus is not merely proof of life after death—it is the public enthronement of the crucified one as Lord.”

—Michael Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly*

Jesus' Commission (vv.19–20)

- **“Go, therefore...”**
 - Greek: *poreuthentes* (a participle)—“As you are going...”
 - Missional living isn't limited to those with a passport.
- **“Make disciples...”**
 - Greek: *mathētēs* = apprentices, not mere converts.
 - Shape people to live like Jesus—not just pray a prayer.
- **“Baptizing... teaching to obey...”**

- Baptism = a public pledge of allegiance to the King.
- Teaching to obey = formation, not just information.

“Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning.”
 —Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*

Reflection

- Where has Jesus already placed you as His representative?
- Your workplace, school, or neighborhood is your **Jerusalem**.

Point 2: Empowered for Witness

Text: Acts 1:8

The Moment and the Map

- **Setting:** Jesus’ last words before the Ascension.
- **Map:** Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → ends of the earth.
 - Starts at home, then ripples outward.

Two Weight-Bearing Words (Greek Exposition)

- **δύναμις (dýnamis):** Explosive, Spirit-given power.
- **μάρτυρες (mártures):** Witnesses; willing to speak truth at any cost (where we get “martyr”).

“The power of the Spirit turns timid disciples into courageous witnesses and ordinary testimony into an empire-shaking force.”
 —Michael Green

Why the Spirit?

Spirit’s Work	Scriptural Echo	Practical Impact
Courage	Luke 22 → Acts 2	Boldness in tough spaces
Character	Gal. 5:22–23	Fruit that matches the message
Clarity	John 14:26	Brings Jesus’ teaching to mind

Everyday Outlets of Witness

- **Kind presence** with someone overlooked
- **Radical generosity** in Jesus' name
- **Spirit-led interruptions** that lead to gospel conversations
- **Digital peacemaking** in toxic comment threads
- **Advocacy** for the marginalized

“You don’t need a microphone to be a missionary. You need a surrendered heart and the indwelling Spirit.”

Reflection

- Where’s your **Jerusalem**?
- Where do you need more courage, character, or clarity?
- Daily prayer: “Spirit, let me see one moment to witness—and give me the power to seize it.”

Point 3: Ambassadors of the Kingdom

Text: Revelation 1:5–6

“To Him who loves us... and made us a kingdom, priests...”

Royal-Priestly Identity

- **Kingdom** – You represent Jesus’ reign.
- **Priest** – You mediate Jesus’ presence.

“We are called to become the gospel—to serve as living previews of the world to come.”
—Michael Gorman, *Becoming the Gospel*

Ambassadorial Posture in Every Domain

Sphere	Posture
Workplace	Excellence + Integrity
Family	Humility + Servant Leadership
Digital Life	Grace + Peacemaking
Community	Advocacy + Visibility where it’s broken

Passport Stamp Illustration

- Just like a passport stamp shows you’ve entered new territory...

- **Your life is stamped with the King's authority.**
 - When you enter a space, heaven cheers—and hell trembles.

“You don't need to cross an ocean to live on mission. Sometimes the border you're crossing is just the threshold of your front door.”

Conclusion: A Call to Kingdom Mission

Identify Your Assignment

1. **Place** – Where has God already stationed you?
2. **People** – Who is often overlooked in your circle?
3. **Practice** – What act of obedience will you begin this week?

Challenge: “Ask the Spirit: Where and to whom are You sending me this week?”

Congregational Commission

Call and Response:

- Leader: “Who is our King?”
People: “Jesus is King!”
- Leader: “To whom does all authority belong?”
People: “Jesus alone!”
- Leader: “Then go—filled with His Spirit—to make disciples, embody mercy, seek justice, and announce the reign of God.”
All: “Amen. We go in allegiance to the King!”