

LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON SERIES: RENEW OUR MISSION

Sermon Message: Missions Is Normal Because God Is Missional

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Public Reading: Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21

Next Week's Text: Romans 1:18-2:16; Romans 10:8-15

**MISSIONS IS A _____ PART OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Romans 15:22-24 (Pew Bible page 950)

**MISSIONS IS SIMPLY _____ TO PEOPLE
THAT THE GOSPEL IS TRUE.**

Romans 3:21-26 (Pew Bible page 941)

**MISSIONS IS A _____ OPPORTUNITY TO
BRING GOD GLORY.**

Psalms 97:1 / Psalm 67:3-5 (Pew Bible page 499/481)

**MISSIONS IS THE _____ OF A LIFE
DELIGHTING IN GOD.**

Psalms 105:1-3 (Pew Bible page 503, 504)

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A C L O S E R L O O K

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In John 20:21, Jesus commissions his disciples for a life on mission. The grounds for this command is in the very nature of God himself. As the title to this week's sermon proclaims, God is a missional God. This means that God's plan has always been to use his people to take the Gospel to the nations so that people from every tribe and tongue on the planet could know the grace of God. This study will explore this aspect of God and challenge us to think about what it means to be missional in our own lives.

When you think of the word "missions" what comes to mind?

Have you or someone you know ever been on a mission trip? What was the experience like?

What is the difference between "going on a mission trip" and living a "missional lifestyle"?

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John 20:21 ESV

- 1. Read John 20:19-23. What is the context of this statement?**
- 2. What does this statement teach us about the nature of God?**
- 3. Why do you think Jesus would speak a statement of peace on the disciples before commissioning them to live on mission?**
- 4. Think about your various roles and responsibilities in your home, workplace, and community. What does it mean for Jesus to have sent you to these places in the same way that the Father sent him?**
- 5. What would it look like if you and the members of your group lived out each day as a fulfillment of the commission from this passage?**