



**GREAT
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PIPELINE**

INTRODUCTION

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GREAT COMMISSION PIPELINE

The Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) was created by churches, for churches, to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. The Missions Mobilization Team of the KBC exists to help your church fulfill the Great Commission, which was given to the local church.

Thank you for utilizing the Great Commission Pipeline (GCP) study. This study was created out of conversations with KBC pastors and mission leaders about how to mobilize every church member to live out the Great Commission.

The primary purpose of the Great Commission Pipeline is to help pastors, leaders, and church members discover and understand their church's unique role in fulfilling the Great Commission. Every church and every member is called to live on mission, and everyone is *vital*. Just as a pipeline is a channel through which something passes from point A to point B, the Great Commission Pipeline encourages churches to evaluate and build upon their current mission culture. The goal is to move from initial membership in the church to active participation in the Great Commission through the church.

In this study, we pray a culture of "sentness" is developed, so every KBC church realizes God's purpose is to use every member to fulfill the Great Commission.

THE GREAT COMMISSION PIPELINE INVOLVES:

IDENTIFY

OUR CHURCH'S
UNIQUE ROLE
IN THE GREAT
COMMISSION

EQUIP

MEMBERS TO
LIVE OUT THEIR
UNIQUE ROLE
IN THE GREAT
COMMISSION

SEND

MEMBERS
TO FULFILL
THE GREAT
COMMISSION
BOTH LOCALLY
AND GLOBALLY

CARE

FOR THOSE WHO
ARE SENT BOTH
LOCALLY AND
GLOBALLY

OVERVIEW

The GCP study has 6 lessons designed for small groups. Every small group should have a teacher/facilitator. Each lesson includes opening discussion, content, which can be coupled with short video teachings, and application questions for group discussion.

TO THE TEACHER/FACILITATOR

In preparation for each lesson, watch each corresponding GCP video to provide an explanation and understanding of the content. Each lesson, though varying in length, is designed to be approximately one hour including the GCP videos.

GCP VIDEOS

GCP videos can be found at kybaptist.org/GCP

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LESSON 1

DEFINING SENTNESS

*Theme Verses:
Matthew 28:16-20*

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- **Call to salvation:** First and foremost, calling is the gracious act of God by which He draws people to become disciples of Jesus and members of His church. The call to salvation comes through the proclamation of God’s Word in the power of God’s Spirit. Accompanying the call to salvation in Christ is a call to freedom, holiness, and suffering in Christ. The call to salvation forms the unshakeable foundation of a disciple’s primary identity now and forever (*Matthew 9:13; Acts 2:39; Romans 1:6; 8:28–30; 9:22–26; 1 Corinthians 1:9, 24; Galatians 1:6; 5:13; Ephesians 1:18; 4:1–4; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:7; 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:15–16; 2:9, 20–21; 5:10; 2 Peter 1:3, 10; Jude 1:1*).



DISCIPLE

One who by God’s grace has repented of their sins and placed their faith in Jesus alone, who by the power of the Holy Spirit obeys the Word of God.

- **Call to mission:** The call to salvation includes a call to mission, for every person who responds to God’s call receives Christ’s command to make disciples of Jesus. Discipleship is thus the God-given, Christ-enabled, Spirit-empowered duty of every disciple whatever his or her station, location, or vocation. In this way, every disciple plays an integral part in the eternal purpose of God to glorify His name through disciples made in every nation (*Matthew 28:16–20; Luke 24:44–49; Acts 1:8*).
- **Call to station:** Christ calls disciples to specific stations in and through which they exalt Him on mission. One such station is within the family, where Christians are called to be faithful sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and mothers and fathers for the spread of God’s gospel and the display of God’s glory. Scripture also speaks of a divine call to singleness for the sake of mission, either for a period or for the entirety of one’s life in this world. Other calls to specific stations include Christ’s call to meaningful membership in His church, and responsible citizenship in one’s community (*1 Corinthians 7:17–40*).
- **Call to Service:** Finally, calling is the gracious act of God by which He directs disciples to make disciples in a certain way, at a certain time, among a certain people, in a certain location, or through a certain vocation. Calls to service may be fluid, operating at varying levels and open to varying assignments from God. A disciple’s life, however, must be constant in faithfulness to God’s call, no matter the cost, until God calls the disciple to different service. Calls to service are discerned and affirmed in community as a member of the church on mission in the world through Spirit-led, Word-driven, prayer-focused examination of a disciple’s desires, gifts, abilities, and opportunities (*Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9; 10:1–4; Acts 13:1–3; 16:10; Romans 1:1; Hebrews 5:4*).

LESSON 1 - DEFINING SENTNESS

Theme Verses: Matthew 28:16-20



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Now that we understand the four calls, does the Bible give us a theology of missions?

- How would you define missions?
- Missions is from the Latin word *missio*, which means “to send.” Definitions abound, but in summary, missions can be defined as:
 - **Advancing the gospel in order to make disciples by those who are reached among those who are unreached, often involving the crossing of cultures and languages and geographical boundaries.**
- Therefore, a theology of missions involves God's heart and purposes to make disciples of Jesus among all nations.
- “Advancing the gospel among the unreached” is multi-layered. At the core of missions is understanding the goal is *making disciples*, not simply converts.
 - Matthew 28:16-20 (Focus is on the “what” we do — make disciples)
 - Luke 24:46-47 (Proclaim forgiveness of sins in Jesus name among all nations)
 - Acts 1:6-8 (Focus is on the “where” we do missions — Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth)



THEOLOGY

The study of the nature and purposes of God.

GOSPEL

While there is more that we can say about the gospel, at the very least we must say that it is the good news about the person and work of Jesus through his life, death, burial, and resurrection (John 14:1-6; 1 Cor 15:1-9).

MISSION

Every believer receives Christ's command to make disciples among all nations.

REACHED

According to our definition of missions, we are using the term “reached” to refer to all disciples of Jesus.

UNREACHED

According to our definition of missions, we are using “unreached” to refer to all unbelievers. See IMB Foundations 87-90, for further discussion about unreached people groups and places.

LESSON 1 - DEFINING SENTNESS

Theme Verses: Matthew 28:16-20

What drives us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth?

- Need alone, as referenced on the previous page, is not the answer, as real as these needs are.
- Need may originally motivate, but will not sustain our drive.
- What drives us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth? “A need alone will not keep you on the mission field. People will rebuke and repel you. After a lack of response, tremendous need, and daily frustrations, what is left” (*A Vision for Missions*, Tom Wells)?

What drives us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth? God.

- Missions begins (and ends) with God.
- God is worthy of being praised and prized for who He is and what He has done. Notice these truths in Isaiah 42 and 53.
 - God's glory is on display in Isaiah 42:5-9
 - Because God is glorious, God's fame is His aim in Isaiah 42:10-13
 - Because of God's glory and fame, God sends as seen in Isaiah 53; Revelation 7:9 (Genesis to Revelation gives us a biblical theology of God being a sending God).

Whose Mission?

- Mission is the *identity* of the church and not simply an *activity* of the church. It's not that the church has some mission in the world, but that God's mission for the world is through the church — D. Ray Davis, IMB.



Take the definition of the Great Commission and what you have learned about sentness in this lesson and write out or discuss how this applies to living your life on mission. Revisit key passages such as *Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11.*



LESSON 2

BUILDING BLOCKS OF SENTNESS

*Theme Verses:
Romans 12:1-2*

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 **THEME VERSE**

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)*

 **OPENING DISCUSSION**

- Lesson 1 stated, "Sentness is the Great Commission culture within the entire church where every member understands and fulfills missions as the identity of the church and not simply the activity of the church."
- So, what is culture?
 - **Culture is the way of life of a particular group of people, at a particular time; all the shared (primarily unwritten) customs of a people.** In essence, culture in the church, then, is the way of life for that local church.
 - Our aim is to create a culture of sentness (a way of life) in the local church where every member understands and seeks to fulfill the Great Commission through their life.
 - This kind of culture only comes as we offer our lives in worship to God; as we seek to live sacrificially and holy by being transformed through renewed minds.
- What does it look like, then, for our church to have a culture of sentness?

 **GLOBAL CHURCH VS. LOCAL CHURCH**

Whereas the Great Commission was given to the global Church (every church in all times and places), our obedience to it is lived out in our own local churches (specific times and places).

BUILDING BLOCK #1 - VIDEO PART 1








While these sections contain more content, adapt your discussion as needed or desired.

Building Block #1: Faithfulness to Christ (Romans 12:1-2)

(IMB Foundations, 17-18)

- Every follower of Christ is transformed by the power of the gospel. What does it mean to be a transformed disciple of Jesus?
- Disciples are followers of Jesus. They have turned from their sin and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. They have died to themselves and surrendered their lives to Him as Lord. Christ now lives in them, transforming everything about them from the inside out. There are several marks of this transformation. The first, a transformed heart, occurs when a disciple places initial faith in Jesus. The rest are found in increasing measure as a disciple grows through faith in Jesus as a member of his body, the church (*Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 1:17; Luke 6:40; Romans 8:29*).
- There are six primary marks of a disciple of Jesus (IMB Foundations, 73-75).

THE SIX PRIMARY MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

 <i>Transformed Heart</i>	 <i>Transformed Mind</i>	 <i>Transformed Affections</i>
 <i>Transformed Will</i>	 <i>Transformed Relationships</i>	 <i>Transformed Purpose</i>
		



Transformed Affections

Disciples are deeply satisfied; they desire what Jesus desires. Their spiritual pursuit has led them to Jesus, who has not only saved them from their sin but also satisfied their souls. Disciples, therefore, grow to participate in spiritual disciplines not out of a sense of duty, but out of a sense of delight: enjoying the exaltation of God in worship, craving communion with God in prayer, hungering for God’s Word more than daily food, confessing sins with grateful contrition [sorrow over sin], and loving God’s glory more than their own lives. Such love for God continually pushes out love for the things of this world. Disciples daily crucify the desires of the flesh as they bear the fruit of the Spirit and long for the return of the Son (*Matthew 10:34– 39; 22:35–40; Luke 16:13; John 12:25; Philippians 4:8; 1 Timothy 3:3; 6:9–10; 2 Timothy 2:22; 4:10; Titus 1:8; Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 2:15–17*).

Bottom line

Disciples of Jesus grow to love what He loves, value what He values, and hate what He hates. Their affections are set on the things of God, and those affections grow to supersede the attractions of sin and the things of this world. They grow to obey God out of desire, not simply out of duty.



Transformed Will

Disciples are humbly obedient; they do what Jesus commands. Disciples of Jesus do not merely hear the Word and so deceive themselves; they do what it says. Disciples see imperatives in the Scriptures as invitations from the Savior to experience the joy of active submission to Him. The more they walk according to God’s Word, the more Jesus conforms their ways to his will (*Matthew 28:18–20; John 14:15; Romans 1:5; 1 Peter 1:2; James 1:22–25; 1 John 5:3*).

Bottom line

Disciples of Jesus obey God by obeying everything his Word teaches. They do not obey in order to make themselves right with God, or to add anything at all to the work of Christ, but out of the faith, hope, and love that flow from the gospel.

LESSON 2 - BUILDING BLOCKS OF SENTNESS

Theme Verses: Romans 12:1-2



Transformed Relationships

Disciples love sacrificially; they serve as Jesus serves. Having been reconciled to God through Christ, disciples continually work toward reconciliation with others in Christ: forgiving one another freely and serving one another selflessly. Disciples of Jesus join together as members of local churches where they love one another by laying down their lives for each other. Such sacrificial compassion extends beyond the local church as disciples care for their families, the global church, the lost, and the poor (*Matthew 5:43-48; 22:37-40; Luke 6:27-36; John 13:34-35; 15:12-17; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Galatians 5:13-26; Ephesians 4:1-6; 5:1-2; 1 John 3:11-18; 4:7-21*).

Bottom line

Disciples of Jesus love one another as Christ has loved them and love their neighbors as themselves. This love expresses itself practically in forgiveness and service, even to their enemies. Their love includes their church, their families, the global body of Christ, the lost, and the poor.



Transformed Purpose

Disciples are missionally engaged; they make disciples who make disciples of all nations. Compelled by God's grace, disciples are captivated by the Great Commission. Jesus has not only transformed their way of life; He has revolutionized their reason for living. Disciples live—and die—to share the gospel of Christ, to reproduce the life of Christ, to teach the Word of Christ, and to serve the world for Christ by praying for, giving to, and going to people around them and peoples around the world for the sake of God's fame (*Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:2; Acts 1:8; Romans 15:18-24*).

Bottom line

Disciples of Jesus share the gospel, disciple other believers, and engage in the global spread of the gospel to all peoples.

? DISCUSSION QUESTION

What challenges you most about the six marks of a disciple?

BUILDING BLOCK #2 - VIDEO | **PART 2**

Building Block #2: Faithfulness to the Church (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)

(IMB Foundations, 19-21)

- As we saw with building block #1, we are first called to be faithful disciples of Jesus.
- In building block #2 we examine faithfulness to the church, in which we share three commitments: (theology, ecclesiology, and missiology.)



ECCLESIOLOGY

Understanding the structure and doctrine of the church.

MISSIOLOGY

Understanding the doctrine and application of the Great Commission.

1. Theology

Baptist Faith and Message (BF&M) 2000 defines our theology. How we define our core beliefs will determine how we view and practice the Great Commission. Right doctrine/theology is the foundation for living out our sentness.

2. Ecclesiology

Ecclesiology involves the nature and structure of the church (note: we are using the BF&M 2000 for a definition of church). This is essential as we understand the Great Commission's aim of establishing healthy churches. If this is the goal, what are the characteristics of a healthy church? (IMB Foundations, page 80-83)

- No church displays all 12 characteristics fully, but should strive to grow in each of these areas.

LESSON 2 - BUILDING BLOCKS OF SENTNESS

Theme Verses: Romans 12:1-2

12 CHARACTERISTICS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH



Evangelism



Discipleship



Membership



Leadership



Preaching & Teaching



Ordinances



Worship



Fellowship



Prayer



Accountability & Discipline



Giving



Mission



Biblical evangelism

People come into the church because they have heard the full biblical message of the gospel and have responded in repentance and faith. They then continue to share the gospel with the lost in a lifestyle of evangelism.



Biblical discipleship

Members of the church intentionally invest in one another's lives to grow to maturity in Jesus Christ.



Biblical membership

The members consist only of people who give credible evidence of repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who have been baptized as believers. Biblical church members are committed to one another, to assemble faithfully together with one another, and to be the body of Christ to one another.



Biblical leadership

The Bible recognizes two types of leaders in the church: pastors/elders/overseers and deacons. The qualifications for these leaders are given in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Pastors are called to teach and lead the church. Deacons are those who are called to serve the church.



Biblical preaching and teaching

The church regards the Bible as the supreme, controlling authority over all it believes and does, and faithful Bible teaching saturates the life of a healthy church. Thus the exposition [explanation] and application of scripture is central to the life of the church.



Biblical ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper

Baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and it is only administered to those who give credible evidence that they are born-again believers in Jesus Christ. All believers are expected to be baptized. A healthy church regularly celebrates the Lord's Supper in remembrance of the death of Jesus, as a visible sermon of the gospel, and in anticipation of His return.



Biblical worship

A healthy church offers to God worship that is acceptable to Him according to His Word, with reverence, awe, and joy. It sings psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs whose content is saturated with biblical truth. Worship involves singing, praying, giving, and proclaiming God's Word.



Biblical fellowship

Members of the church love each other, encourage one another, and build each other up. They care for one another, serve one another, and bear each other's burdens.



Biblical prayer

Members of the church pray both privately and corporately. In their prayers, they worship God, confess their sins, thank God for His blessings, intercede for others, and ask God to meet their own needs. A healthy church prays fervently and frequently.



Biblical accountability and discipline

Members of the church hold one another accountable for their obedience to the Word of God, and leaders of the church watch over the flock that has been entrusted to them.



Biblical giving

Members of the church give freely of their resources for the support of those who teach the Word, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the advance of the gospel around the world.



Biblical mission

Not only is the church organized to share the gospel and make disciples locally, but it is also organized and actively involved in taking the gospel to the nations.

LESSON 2 - BUILDING BLOCKS OF SENTNESS

Theme Verses: Romans 12:1-2

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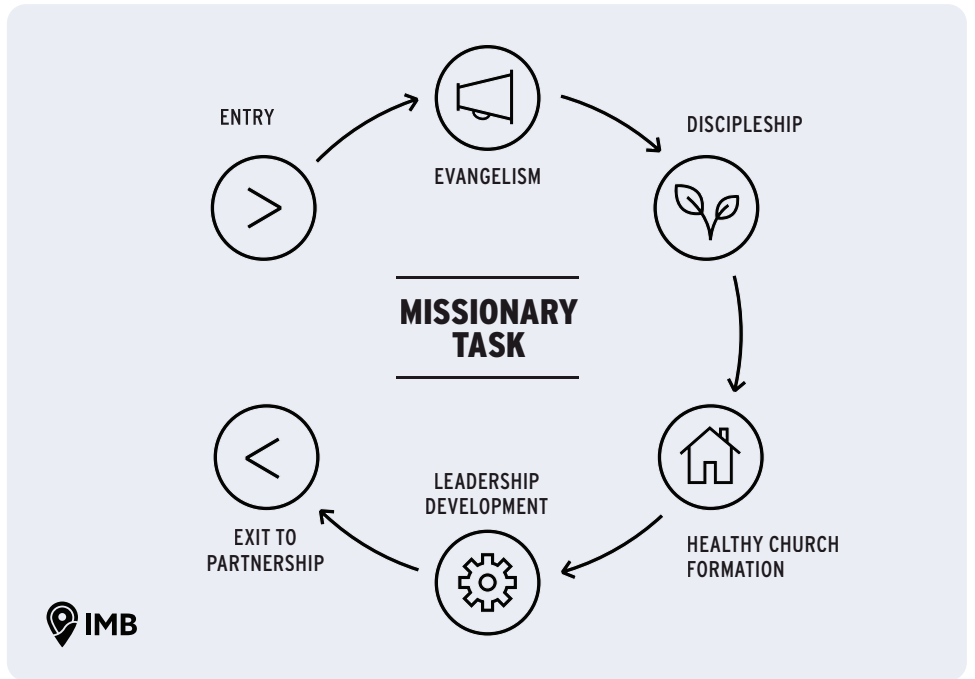
▶ BUILDING BLOCK #3 - VIDEO PART 3

In building block #2, we examine the first two commitments in faithfulness to the church: theology and ecclesiology. Building block #3 is also our third commitment in faithfulness to the church.

Building Block #3: Faithfulness to the Great Commission

3. Missiology

Here, we are seeking to answer what it is that sent ones do. In this context, we mean not simply "missionaries" but what all believers and churches do to obey the Great Commission. The local church must own the task of the Great Commission. As in Acts 13: 1-3, the church at Antioch sent only two from their church out with the gospel, but everyone was involved. Each church has those who are sent and those who send. The IMB helpfully describes six components of the missionary task (IMB Foundations, 95-121). We will dive deeper into these six components in lesson 5.



➔ APPLICATION

- As you examine the 12 characteristics of a healthy church, explain which area is a strength and which area can use further growth in our church?
• How does our theology and ecclesiology provide building blocks for a culture of sentness in our church?



LESSON 3

DISCOVERING OUR ROLE IN SENTNESS

Theme Verse:
1 Corinthians 12:18

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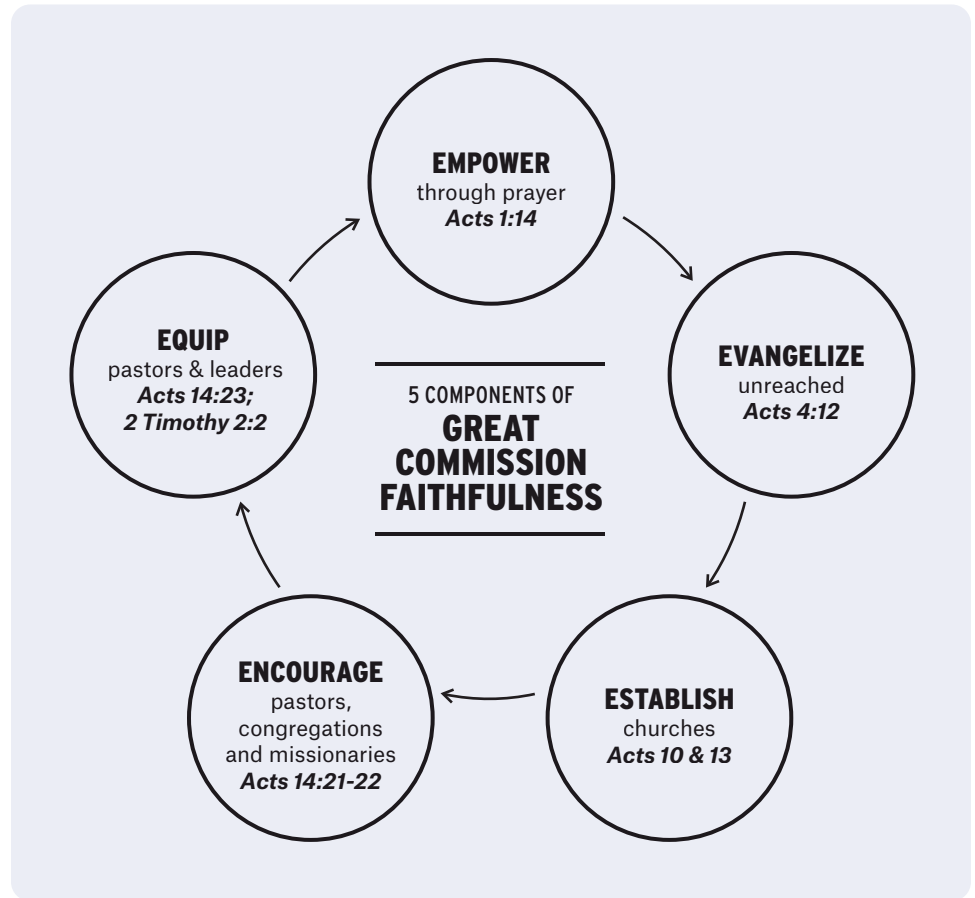
THEME VERSE

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
1 Corinthians 12:18 (ESV)

OPENING DISCUSSION

- In lesson 2 we discussed the building blocks for a culture of sentness and what it looks like for our church. We defined culture of sentness as a way of life where every member understands and seeks to fulfill the Great Commission through their life. So, in this lesson we discover both our church’s and individual roles in sentness.
- How do we discover our unique role in sentness both corporately and individually in fulfilling the Great Commission?

▶ EVERY CHURCH’S UNIQUE ROLE - VIDEO PART 1



- **Empower through prayer:** The first component is prayer. In Acts 1:14 and throughout the entire book of Acts, we see the believers are devoted to prayer; it permeates every aspect of their lives. Prayer is where they receive their real power to go out and accomplish the Great Commission. They pray for boldness to share the gospel with strength and to overcome persecution. They ask God to open hearts and give them the words to say. They pray to God for guidance, to show them the exact next step of where to go for the Great Commission.

- **Evangelize the unreached:** The second component is evangelize the unreached. We see this clearly in Acts 4, when Peter and John go to the temple during the time of prayer to engage people with the gospel. They heal a lame man, and because of that, crowds gather. They have the opportunity to share the gospel. Well, that creates more interest, commotion, and they are arrested. Eventually, Peter says famously in Acts 4:12, "There's no name under heaven whereby we must be saved." We believe the name of Jesus is the only way to salvation.

- **Establish churches:** The third component is establish churches. This is at the heart of the Great Commission. Christ commands us to make disciples of all nations. As we see in Acts 13, the church in Antioch is established, and not only are they making disciples within the church, but they are sending them out to plant churches around the world (both planting new churches and strengthening existing churches).

- **Encourage pastors, congregations, and missionaries:** The fourth component is encourage pastors, church leaders, and missionaries. This becomes clear in Acts 14 when the apostle Paul, at the end of his first missionary journey, is going back through churches he had already established. He is strengthening them and encouraging them in the word of the Lord. Why is that important? Well, we all get discouraged; we all need someone to come alongside of us and to encourage us to keep going.

- **Equip leaders:** The fifth component is equip pastors and leaders. Again, in Acts 14, as Paul is planting and establishing churches, he is equipping leaders who can sustain and guide those churches to fulfill the Great Commission. It's an opportunity for you as a leader to equip other leaders who can then go and equip others.



INCARNATIONAL GOSPEL WITNESS

Using the spiritual and natural gifts God gave you to fulfill the Great Commission.

Family

This is families reaching families, counseling, children, women, and men's fellowship.

Friendship

This is home visits, tea nights, sharing culture, mentorship, life on life,

Faith

This is the good news of Jesus Christ.

Fun

This is building community and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Finance

This is financial planning, money management, building credit, sustainability, etc.

Future

This is English as a Second Language (ESL) / English Language Learner (ELL), citizenship classes, job matching, job skills, creating economies, etc.

Fitness

This is physical and mental wellness, nutrition, medical exams, counseling, trauma, etc.

You

APPLICATION

- How can you use your gifts/skills/experiences to build pathways to live sent?
How can you incorporate others in your church to use their gifts/skills/experiences to live sent?

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LESSON 4

CLARIFYING OUR FIELDS OF SENTNESS

Theme Verse:
Acts 1:8

LESSON 4 - CLARIFYING OUR FIELDS OF SENTNESS

Theme Verse: Acts 1:8

THEME VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
Acts 1:8 (ESV)

OPENING DISCUSSION

- In lesson three we discussed discovering our role in sentness. We talked about how every local church and every member has a unique role in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- As we are discovering our unique role in the Great Commission both corporately and individually, we need to clarify our field(s) of sentness. Where is God sending our church to fulfill the Great Commission locally and globally? What is my role in God sending our church to each mission field?

FIELD(S) OF SENTNESS

Where God is sending you and your church both locally and globally to fulfill the Great Commission.

DEFINING OUR MISSION FIELD - VIDEO

- Each of us has a part to play in fulfilling the Great Commission. While not everyone will move to a new location to take the gospel to unreached peoples and places, everyone bears the responsibility to make disciples (Matt 28:16-20).
- In Acts 13:2, the Holy Spirit instructed the church of Antioch to set aside Barnabas and Saul to the work for which He called them.
- While the Holy Spirit calls Barnabas and Saul to the work of making disciples in other places and among other peoples, He instructs the church to set them apart.
- The Holy Spirit calls Barnabas and Saul to make disciples through planting new churches.
- In fact, the theme of Acts is found in Acts 1:8. The early disciples are commanded to make disciples in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the nations. As the book of Acts progresses, so too, does disciple-making.
- While God places each church in a local community to impact that community by making disciples of Jesus, he calls each church to make disciples not only within that community but also beyond it.

5 COMPONENTS OF
GREAT COMMISSION FAITHFULNESS

	JERUSALEM	JUDEA	SAMARIA	WORLD
EMPOWER through prayer <i>Acts 1:14</i>				
EVANGELIZE unreached <i>Acts 4:12</i>				
ESTABLISH churches <i>Acts 10 & 13</i>				
ENCOURAGE pastors, congregations and missionaries <i>Acts 14:21-22</i>				
EQUIP pastors & leaders <i>Acts 14:23; 2 Timothy 2:2</i>				

Adapted from the Acts 1:8 Grid



LESSON 5

MOBILIZING FOR SENTNESS

Theme Verse:
Ephesians 2:10

LESSON 5 - MOBILIZING FOR SENTNESS

Theme Verse: *Ephesians 2:10*

THEME VERSE

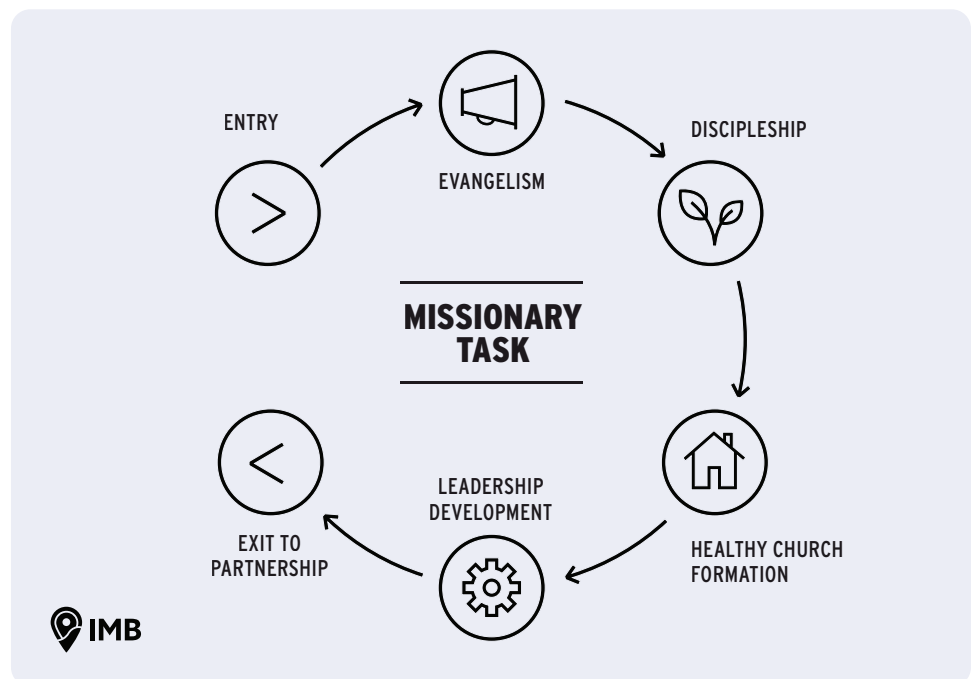
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)*

OPENING DISCUSSION

- In our previous four lessons, we defined sentness as the Great Commission culture within the entire church where every member understands and fulfills missions as the identity of the church and not simply the activity of the church. We discussed how to build a culture of sentness. We discovered our unique role in sentness both corporately and individually. We clarified our unique fields of sentness and established our first steps along our roadmap to the mission field.
- How do we mobilize our church to live sent?

FAITHFULNESS TO THE GREAT COMMISSION REVISITED - VIDEO | PART 1

- The Great Commission belongs to the local church (Acts 13-14).
- The task of the missionary, and thus the church partnering with the missionary, can be summarized by six elements, according to the IMB.
(IMB, Foundations, 95-121)





Entry

This part of the task includes four elements: research, presence, identity, and communication ability. Each of you and your church have a purpose/place of influence or oikos (station, location, vocation). In other words, it's using your unique spiritual and natural gifts to gain access and share the gospel in a given community and/or among a given people group.



Evangelism

Sharing the gospel is the responsibility of every follower of Jesus. Remember, only the Holy Spirit can change a person's heart, but it is our job to share the full message of the gospel, urgently.



Discipleship

Discipleship is the central command of the Great Commission that is more than the teaching of information; it is the transformation of lives. Essential for the discipleship of every believer is the Word of God, the Spirit of God and the people of God.



Healthy Church Formation

As a group of baptized Jesus followers who covenant to live out the Christian life together, we strive to carry out the functions of a biblical church (as discussed in the 12 characteristics of a healthy church, lesson 2).



Leadership Development

Biblical leadership is essential for the local church and is God's means for the instruction, protection, and correction of his body. As defined in Scripture, God has ordained two offices of church leadership: pastors and deacons.



Exit to Partnership

God has called us to make disciples and multiple the Kingdom. Exit to partnership is not abandonment. While we may continue to partner with ongoing work, exit to partnership allows us to further the Great Commission among other peoples and places.

LESSON 5 - MOBILIZING FOR SENTNESS

Theme Verse: Ephesians 2:10

FULLY MOBILIZED CHURCH - VIDEO PART 2

- Mobilization Task
 - Missions is an identity and not an activity of the church.
 - As noted in lesson 1, it's not that the church has some mission in the world as much as it is God's mission for the world has the church (D. Ray Davis, IMB).
 - Fully mobilized church - The goal is for each church to be on mission, fully mobilized, and for its members to recognize and utilize their spiritual and natural gifts for Great Commission living.
 - The task of the church, in partnering with the missionary, can be summarized in six elements.

A FULLY MOBILIZED CHURCH

MISSION IS THE *IDENTITY* OF THE CHURCH AND NOT SIMPLY AN *ACTIVITY* OF THE CHURCH.

THE CHURCH DOESN'T HAVE A MISSION IN THE WORLD; INSTEAD, GOD'S MISSION FOR THE WORLD HAS THE CHURCH.





Inspire

Inspire leaders and members by casting vision and challenging one another to live on mission.

- 1. How is our church challenging the body to live on Mission?
- 2. Here are some ways to inspire our church: biblical preaching/teaching; members sharing testimonies and inviting others to be involved; invite and interact with missionaries.
- 3. Partnering with existing networks (e.g., associations, conventions, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), networks).



Equip

Equip every church member to live out their unique role in the Great Commission.

- 1. How are we equipping members to use their gifts and skills to live on mission? How are we preparing children, youth and adults to live on mission?
- 2. How can we leverage our current ministries to equip our members to live on mission together? (e.g., Sunday school, small groups, children's/youth ministries, etc.)
- 3. How are we equipping members to share the gospel in everyday life?
- 4. How are we equipping members to understand and share the gospel cross-culturally?
- 5. How are we teaching, communicating and connecting the value of giving through the Cooperative Program to fulfill the Great Commission?



Pray

Prayer permeates every aspect of the missionary task and the mobilization of the church.

- 1. How are we fostering a culture of prayer in our church?
- 2. How are we encouraging the church to pray for our community, state, nation and the world?
- 3. How are we encouraging our church to pray for one another as we fulfill the Great Commission locally and globally (community, mission trips, missionaries)?

LESSON 5 - MOBILIZING FOR SENTNESS

Theme Verse: Ephesians 2:10



Give

Giving is a means by which the church supports the work of the Great Commission locally and globally. In addition, giving through the Cooperative Program is the financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state, and every nation (www.kybaptist.org/cp, www.sbc.net).

1. How are we promoting giving?
2. How are we promoting mission giving through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Eliza Broadus, etc.?
3. Giving is a way for members to participate in the Great Commission, so how are we sharing stories or celebrating giving that impacts lives locally and globally?



Go/Send



Every church must send its members to fulfill the Great Commission both locally and globally.

1. Where have we sent members to be on mission in the last two years?
2. How are we connected to KBC, NAMB, or IMB missionaries?
3. How are we developing long-term strategic mission partnerships locally, nationally and globally?
4. How can we effectively mobilize our members to participate in short-term missions?
5. How are we mobilizing members to answer the call to long-term missions, locally, nationally, and globally?
6. How are we utilizing our church's resources to help send our members on mission?



APPLICATION

- In your group, choose 2 or 3 areas of the mobilization task and discuss the related questions.
- What next steps can you take to help your church become fully mobilized?



LESSON 6

MULTIPLYING SENTNESS

Theme Verses:
Acts 13:1-3

IDENTIFY	EQUIP	SEND	CARE
OUR CHURCH'S UNIQUE ROLE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION	MEMBERS TO LIVE OUT THEIR UNIQUE ROLE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION	MEMBERS TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY	FOR THOSE WHO ARE SENT BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Identify

1. What ministry opportunities exist in the community around us?
2. What resources, gifts, and talents has God given to members that could be used in sharing the gospel locally and globally?
3. What is our priority as a church on mission? How are we engaged in fulfilling the Great Commission locally, nationally, and globally?
4. As we evaluate our missions effectiveness, are there ministries we need to stop, start or re-invent?
5. Is missions simply an activity of our church or an identity of our church?

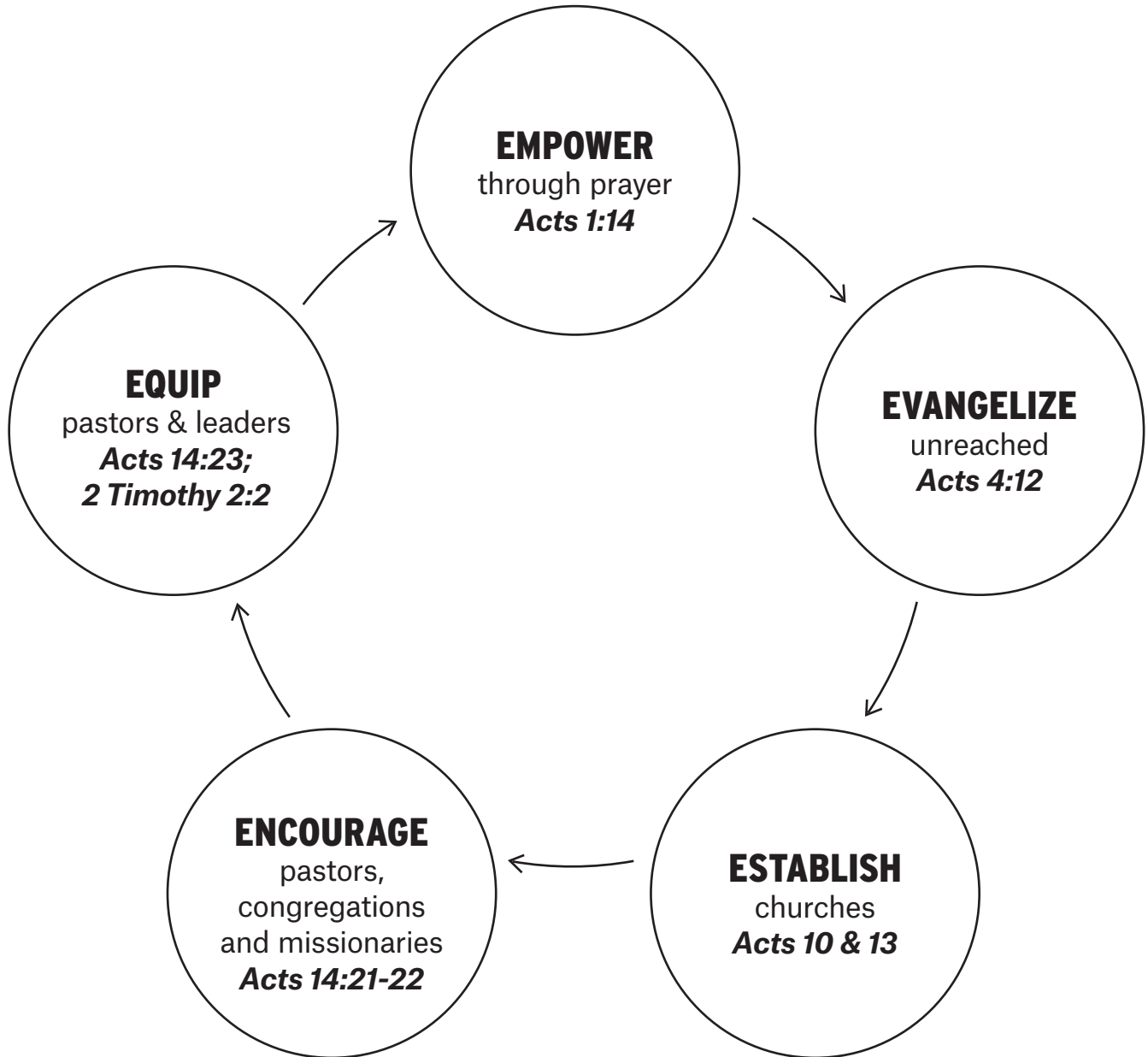
Equip

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2. How can we leverage our current ministries to equip members to live on mission together? (e.g., Sunday school, small groups, children's/youth ministries, etc.)
3. How are we equipping members to share the gospel in everyday life?
4. How are we equipping members to understand and share the gospel cross-culturally?
5. How are we teaching, communicating, and connecting the value of giving through the Cooperative Program (kybaptist.org/cp), to fulfill the Great Commission?



APPENDIX

5 COMPONENTS OF
GREAT COMMISSION FAITHFULNESS



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	JERUSALEM	JUDEA	SAMARIA	WORLD
EMPOWER through prayer <i>Acts 1:14</i>				
EVANGELIZE unreached <i>Acts 4:12</i>				
ESTABLISH churches <i>Acts 10 & 13</i>				
ENCOURAGE pastors, congregations and missionaries <i>Acts 14:21-22</i>				
EQUIP pastors & leaders <i>Acts 14:23;</i> <i>2 Timothy 2:2</i>				

Adapted from the Acts 1:8 Grid

RESOURCES

KBC

- GCP Video Links: kybaptist.org/gcp
- Every Church on Mission Resources: kybaptist.org/ecom
- Missions Opportunities in KY: kybaptist.org/go
- Missions Partnerships in North America and Internationally: kybaptist.org/vision
- Help in Planning Your Local and Global Missions Strategy: kybaptist.org/strategies

IMB

- Main Site: imb.org
- Becoming a Missionary: imb.org/go
- Short-Term Opportunities: imb.org/trips
- Training: imb.org/training
- Foundations: store.imb.org/imb-foundations/
- Foundations companion: store.imb.org/imb-foundations-companion-guide/

NAMB

- Main Site: namb.net
- Missions Opportunities: namb.net/go
- Church Planting Opportunities: namb.net/send-network
- Resources: namb.net/resources

Send Relief

- Main Site: sendrelief.org
- Missions Opportunities: volunteer.sendrelief.org
- Focus Areas: sendrelief.org/focus-areas

Woman's Missionary Union

- Kentucky: kywmu.org
- National: wmu.com



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