

1  **2<sup>nd</sup> Part of Our Mission**  
... **Send people out for Christ. . .**

2  **“Go (not sit) therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you to do, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**Matt. 28.19-20**

3  **Why Send People Out**

- Clearly, we have orders.
- Besides, its easier to catch fish in a river than in a bait shop.
  - If we want to find oil, we must drill for it in the field, not wait for it to show up at headquarters.
  - If we want to find gold, we must prospect for it, not sweep the house.
- Also, we have what people need, but look for in all the wrong places (salvation).
- We even have what people want, but just don't know it (abundant life).
- If we aggressively seek the lost, we will surely find some of them.  
John 6.37

4  **What do we send people out to do?**

- Share the gospel with those who will listen.
- Tell their own story when the opportunity presents itself.
- To be beacons of moral light for those in darkness. Matthew 5.14
- Conduct the lost to Christ as the situation arises John 12.20-22

5  **Where do we start?**

- With our circles of influence Luke 8.39
  - Our own homes
  - Our relatives
  - Our friends
  - Our colleagues
- With whatever doors the Spirit opens
  - E.g. the Samaritan woman – John 4

6  **How do we proceed?**

- Look for lost ‘coins’ and you will usually find them.
- Bring water to the thirsty, not cotton candy.
  - ‘Cotton candy’ is soft, sweet insubstantial blather that avoids the issues, never quenches thirst or prevents dying of it.
  - ‘Water’ is the message about sin and salvation in Christ by grace through faith.

7  **How do we proceed?**

- In a gracious (not guilty) spirit
  - Never be rude
  - Never be invasive
  - Never be argumentative
- In a compliant spirit
  - Respect the law
  - Respect policies
- In a patient spirit
  - Never stick your foot in a closing door
  - Take what the Spirit gives you and let it go.

8  **What if we catch flak?**

- Don’t take it personally
  - Luke 10.16
- Know what the real problem is.
  - John 3.19
- Rejoice, for you are suffering for Christ.
  - Matthew 5.10-11
- Seize the moment for a good funeral.
  - 2 Corinthians 4.10-11

9  **How can the church help?**

- Fueling the passion
- Igniting the vision
- Equipping the volunteers
- Providing windows
  - At home
  - Abroad