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Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

– Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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As you go...



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A new people beyond race, gender, social status, economic status, education, etc

¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of

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hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

– Ephesians 2:12-16

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The Mission of the Church

The background of the slide is a wide, flat landscape, possibly a desert or a vast plain, under a dark, overcast sky. The ground is a mix of brown and tan colors, with some darker patches. The horizon is visible in the distance, and the overall scene is somewhat desolate and expansive.

The Mission of the Church

- Mark – preach the gospel (good news about Jesus) to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved
- Luke 24:46-48 – repentance and forgiveness of sin proclaimed in Jesus' name to all nations
- Matthew 28:19-20 – go make disciples of all nations baptizing them & teaching them to obey

The Mission of the Church

The mission is both corporate & personal

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Live a questionable life

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

– 1 Peter 3:15-16

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The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water with a textured, rippled surface, possibly reflecting light from a low sun or moon. The water transitions into a dark, hazy landmass or horizon line. The sky is a deep, dark blue or black, creating a somber and contemplative mood. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, blacks, and muted earth tones.

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Opportunity #1 – bless and pray for others

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Opportunity #2 – discipleship without programs
to do it for you

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Every age has its own characteristics. Right now we are in an age of religious complexity. The simplicity which is in Christ is rarely found among us. In its stead are programs, methods, organizations and a world of nervous activities which occupy time and attention but can never satisfy the longing of the heart.

– A.W. Tozer

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Caution #1 – watch out for the drift towards
consumerism

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Caution #2 – don't cocoon, look for ways to bless others and use your gifts and be ready to give an answer for the hope you have



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