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A believer's life can be the most meaningful and focused life there is. And a church family can be one of the most important groups you'll ever become part of. That's because the One whose wisdom is perfect, knows that when our mortal lives are built on something higher than selfish interests, we'll find fulfilment and joy right now as we await the eternal joy of being with Him. That's why Jesus, in His very last words on earth, summed up how we can join God's kingdom agenda:

### OUR MASTER'S MISSION:

#### TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM AMONG US. (vv. 1-3)

- The Gospel of Luke and Acts are really one continuous story by the same author (vv. 1-2). And in both accounts, we see what matters most to the Master: to build His kingdom in the eternal souls of men and women (v. 3).
- Have you spent much of your life pursuing your own agenda, building your own kingdom? Frustrating isn't it? Nothing is ever enough, or completely right. How about pursuing the Master's agenda? Remember that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

### OUR MASTER'S METHOD:

#### TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM THROUGH US. (vv. 4-8)

- What do we see here? This is what Jesus wants to do with us, who call Him Lord:
  - He focuses our Priorities: **It is not for you to know...**
  - He gives us His Power: **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,**
  - He shows us our Privilege (and responsibility): **and you will be My witnesses**
  - He reminds us of our Potential: **in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

**God enables, we execute, He grants the results**



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- So why aren't more Christians being His witnesses?

Some common reasons:

- 1) Ignorance – *I didn't know I was supposed to do this; I don't know how to do this.*
- 2) Forgetfulness – *I keep getting distracted by other things.*
- 3) Faithlessness – *I don't know if I can do it; I am afraid to do it.*
- 4) A lack of love – *Why I should bother?*

### OUR MASTER'S MOTIVATION: HE'LL RETURN AND FINISH HIS KINGDOM WITH US. (vv. 9-11)

- The truth that Christ will return is a powerful motive to serve Him. No one knows when Jesus will come, but everyone must realize that it could be in their lifetime (2 Cor. 5:10; Revelation 22:12). Believers must serve Christ faithfully in light of His imminent return (Revelation 16:15).

### FINAL THOUGHTS

So, what have you built your life upon? Let's join God's kingdom agenda! Yes, it is a big task, but through His Spirit, God gave us all the resources needed to do a good job. We must simply use those resources well and exercise the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's witnesses. As John 9:4 reminds us, "We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day".

Church family, individually and together, we can richly contribute to God's Kingdom Agenda!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you frankly share at least one reason that keeps you back from being a witness for Christ? Solicit suggestions from the rest of the group about how to overcome this.
2. Why can we confidently say that joining God's agenda is really good for us?
3. Pray together, and ask the One who calls us to join His agenda, to give us both boldness and wisdom to be His witnesses.





# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



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## 2 Corinthians 9:7

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### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | 9 p.m. | via Zoom

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Sunday | 2:00 p.m. | via FB Messenger | with Ana Luz Ong

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