

LOVE Where You LIVE



Sermon Outline

Key verse

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

John 20:21

Jesus doesn't call us to be spiritual consumers, but spiritual contributors

1. Contributors are selfless

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

2. Contributors stand out

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

3. Contributors are steady

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Opening Thought

We are not spiritual consumers; we are spiritual contributors. The church does not exist for us, we are the church and we exist for the world. We have been sent to share the life-giving power of Jesus with the world.

Ice breakers

- Why do you live where you live?
- Reflect on the "Church Hunters" video. Any truth there? What struck you the most?

Dig deeper

- Read Matthew 4:19. What does it mean for you specifically, to "fish for people?"
- Read Philippians 2:3-4. When you think of those living out this verse, what are they doing?
- Read Acts 1:1-9. What do these passages say about the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Read Galatians 6:9. What insight does this give you into our role as contributors?
- Are volunteers in the local church contributing to the mission of Jesus? How?

Closing

What if we began to view this community as our mission field? God has placed you here for his purposes! Do you love where you live?

What way will you contribute to the place where you live this week? Share with your core group or leader. Pray as a group for the courage to live out this purpose over the next week. Commit to holding each other accountable next week.