



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Missio Dei: Invited into God's Mission

Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

“The word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.””

Sermon Outline:

- I. Mission - laying down the theological ground work. Is our life reflective of our mission with God and for God?
- II. Temple Spirituality - moving from a limiting approach to a more robust, free theology, teaching us that we are the temple of God on the move.

- Jeremiah is called.
- We are also called - even before we were in our mothers womb! God is calling you to join Him in mission.
- God is not limited to our experiences, age or talents. The God who calls is also the God who equips.

III. Jesus is God on mission - he has “already done the hard work!” So therefore we can follow him. Will we follow him?

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich preaches out of Jeremiah, orienting our next several weeks together as we begin to reflect deeply on missions. What does it look to be on mission with God?

Sermon Questions:

1. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
2. What is one practical step you sense God calling you to take in light of this message and/or scripture passage?
3. When you hear about mission, what comes to mind? Do you live life reflective of your call to mission, particularly a mission with God?
4. What does it mean to have a “temple spirituality”? How is Pastor Rich challenging us to grow out of this limiting spirituality to a more robust “temple spirituality” for the sake of the Kingdom?
5. How are you sensing God calling you to mission with Him? What are some practical steps do you think you need to take to begin this?
6. What inadequacies do you feel you have that might “get in the way” of what God is calling you? Do you believe God can equip you for the mission? How do you feel about this? What is your feeling teaching you about you?
7. How does communion (the Eucharist) remind you that we are all on mission together?