

SOIL & SPIRIT

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Soil & Spirit: “I Have a Purpose”

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Scripture: Acts 1:8

Series Overview:

“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.

From the creation of Adam to the creation of the church, humanity has been formed from both soil and spirit. We are called to live empowered by God’s spirit, sent out into the earth. It is God who has a mission to set things right in a broken world, to redeem and restore it back to what he intended. This series will take us from a missional God to a missional church to living on mission every day.

This three-week series of NCC Daily will help us lean into the reality that living on mission every day is in fact a state of being. Through deep dives into missiology and through the stories of everyday NCCers we’ll see that it simply requires asking whether what we do, how we think and speak and act, is open to Christ and Christ’s Spirit in bringing about shalom, wherever we are.

Series Discussion Questions:

What is God’s heart and mission for the world? What is God’s heart and mission for the church?
What is God’s heart and mission for each one of us, as we step into His purposes for our lives?

Message Overview:

You were created on purpose, for a purpose, to share a purpose. This not only lays a foundation for how we see ourselves but moves us toward an understanding of our place in this world and the fulfillment that happens when we know what to do with what we’ve been given. Let’s take a journey on what this looks like through a missional lens.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions:

We are created on purpose, for a purpose to share a purpose. Where am I joining God on His mission?

“God doesn’t have a mission for his church. God has a church for His mission.”
Robb Schmidgall

The power of the Holy Spirit has a purpose.

- Read Acts 1:8
- As a people, we don't need more talking, we need more application. When we encounter God, we then have experience that can be shared with the world.
- Is there an encounter with God that has personal value to you? An experience you are a witness of?

The power has a place.

- Read Genesis 2:8-9; 15-16
- We are a community that looks outward. There is something significant about where you are now.
- Where does your daily life intersect with others? Consider that your "mission field" may be right where you live or work.

The power flows through a person.

- Read John 7:38; Isaiah 44:3; Isaiah 58:11
- We are not meant to just hold on to the power of God, but it's meant to be passed through. We are not meant to be spiritual consumers, but spiritual contributors.
- Where do you recognize God already at work in the people around you? How can you join in?

The power transforms a people.

- Read the Lord's Prayer out loud (Matthew 6:9-13). Notice how the prayer is addressed for "our" and "us." The Gospel is a communal experience and message.
- Reflect on Matthew 18:19-20. When we share experiences with those around us, we are stronger together.
- How can I be someone that people can be themselves with?

Prayer: *God help us live with intention. With purpose. To live from your love. To know it, experience it and share it. Just like you reflected the Father to the world, help us be a reflection of you to those around us.*

Practical Application

- We have six Mondays left in 2021. Take time to apply a few of the challenges above to your life, where you are.
- Take a moment to see how you can get involved. Check out our partners around the world at ncc.re/partnerteams. Check out some opportunities to serve at ncc.re/missions.
- Start the day with positive encouragement, in a prayerful virtual gathering by joining the **Upper Zoom** each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom**