

The Great Commission: Our Justice Commitment

I. OUR JUSTICE COMMITMENT: SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

- A. On September 19, 2009, we made the following justice commitment: ***“By God’s grace, we commit to combine 24/7 prayers for justice with 24/7 works of justice until the Lord returns.”***
- B. We went from an 80/20 focus (ratio of prayer to ministry) to a 50/50 focus. Our mandate to ***“keep a 24/7 sanctuary of worship and prayer”*** (Ezek. 44:15) is foundational to our larger assignment (Great Commission). We do outreach from prayer instead of outreach without prayer.

II. THE GREAT COMMISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Mt. 28:19-20)

- A. All believers are called to make disciples of individuals and to participate in discipling nations. As a rule, the Lord gives each believer an assignment first to the nation that they live in and then to other specific nations. Each of us has a responsibility to help in discipling the nation of Israel. This is a most strategic yet challenging mandate and a privilege for all believers to participate in.
- B. All believers are to embrace these seven aspects of the Great Commission (making disciples) by seeking to walk in the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). The by-product is a community spirit.

1. ***Intimacy with God:*** encounter the Father, and Jesus (as our Bridegroom King), as God’s beloved, with confidence even in our weakness as we repent. We cannot impart what we do not have. The Spirit is restoring the first commandment to first place in the Church.

2. ***Winning the lost:*** locally and internationally (by partnering with missions initiatives)

~~4.~~3. ***Supernatural ministry of the Spirit:*** healing the sick, and prophecy, etc.

~~2.~~4. ***Compassion on the needy:*** fatherless, poor and oppressed

~~3.~~5. ***Justice that transforms the culture:*** impacting the 7 spheres of society which are family; education; government (politics, law, and military), economy (business, science, and technology); arts (entertainment and sports); media; and religion

~~4.~~6. ***Equipping others in the Word:*** making disciples and preparing the way of the Lord

7. ***Building the local church:*** giving a local expression of God’s family in our city in the context of the fivefold ministry, in relationship with and honor for other congregations

- C. IHOP–KC has other specific assignments in expressing the Great Commission. Our mandate includes being and sending forerunners who win the lost, heal the sick, and do works of justice.
1. **24/7 intercession and worship:** contending for full release of God’s purpose and power. Key to our mission is the ***occupation of full-time intercessors***: “Anna calling” (Lk. 2:36-38). David established the full-time occupation of a singer-musician (1 Chr. 23:5; 25:7). Our full-time staff commits to invest 50 hours a week (25 hours in the prayer room and 25 hours in service/outreach) unless on the operations staff (12 hours in the prayer room).
 2. **Forerunner ministry:** preparing for the unique dynamics of the generation Jesus returns
 3. **Church planting:** planting “house of prayer communities” in other cities
- D. Inside the prayer room, we cultivate ***intimacy***, offer ***intercession***, and grow in understanding of the ***forerunner message***. Outside the prayer room, we walk out the ***Great Commission*** or do ***works of justice*** as we love God, and love people by serving them and manifesting God’s power.
- E. **Summary:** Forerunners who encounter God, do His works, and the change the world
1. **Forerunner messengers:** preparing ourselves to prepare others for the unique dynamics of the generation in which Jesus returns, by gaining understanding to overcome fear, confusion, and offense, to discern and embrace the right things and resist the wrong ones
 2. **Encountering God:** encountering the Spirit in our personal life in intimacy with God, that empowers us to walk in love with purity and humility
 3. **Do the works of God:** releasing God’s love and power to others as we win the lost, heal the sick, do justly (compassion to the poor, fatherless, and oppressed), proclaim the Word, make disciples, build godly families, lead in prayer meetings and/or serve in the marketplace by releasing grace (power, love, and wisdom) and multiplying finances
 4. **Change the world:** impacting the 7 spheres of society and imparting biblical ideologies
- F. We are to cultivate a prayer culture that manifests the supernatural power of the Spirit. Intimacy and intercession involve prayer “with our eyes closed.” Healing and prophecy involve prayer “with our eyes open.” We do ***intercession*** that is led by ***worship***, flowing from ***intimacy*** (Father’s heart and bridal paradigm), with ***faith*** for the release of God’s power, in the context of end-time ***truths*** (forerunner spirit), motivated by ***compassion*** that turns to the ***children*** (Mal. 4:6), and coming from those who embrace the ***fasted lifestyle*** in seeking to walk in fold ***obedience***.
- G. **The tension in the kingdom:** to operate in faith now with diligence, and gratitude, while earnestly seeking God for a greater measure of the Spirit in the future