

Week Beginning: 23rd February 2020

Worship Series: #4 in series **TAKE-OFF**
... the next stage of living the vision begins



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Theme Verse

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Remember This Week

Don't discard the "Go" of Jesus' commission! It's a call that requires simple obedience. We are made to be like Jesus, to do what Jesus did and participate in his mission to the world. It's time to go!



May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Psalm 67:1-4

Lord Jesus Christ, you have cleared us to take-off to continue your work of reconciling the world to yourself. Fill us with your Spirit that we may have a greater love for the lost, deeper compassion for the broken, stronger faith in your saving power, giving a bolder witness to your presence and believing that your kingdom is advancing in this world. Ignite us with an unquenchable flame to go beyond any limits we have known to bring your light, hope and love wherever you send us. Bless our time together this day, that we may go in obedience to your word. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

1. *Where have you seen the presence of Jesus in your life in the last week?*
2. *Share how you went with your living purposefully from last time?*
3. *Share the one aspect of the Vision weekend that most impacted/excited you.*
4. *What limits have been placed on you, or have you placed on yourself over the years?*

You are sitting at the end of the runway. Your seat belt is done up tightly, your personal items secured. It's about to happen. The engine power increases. Do you close your eyes? Grab the seat rest or the person next to you? Look out the window? Say a prayer? The plane is cleared for take-off. It's time to go. As full take off power is applied, the aircraft on which you are seated begins hurtling down the runway, and with a small bump, you leave the ground, are airborne, and the adventure begins. Today Jesus clears us for take-off. It's time to go, to begin this next stage of the adventure, to get airborne as a Church and fly; to go beyond the limits of what we consider possible and see how far his love takes us! The control tower has given the all clear for take-off. So go, with the full power of the Spirit and let's leave the ground and fly!

Read Matthew 28:16-20

5. *What key words/phrases stand out or speak to you in this text? Share.*
6. *What do you make of the phrase at the end of verse 17, "but some doubted." What message/hope does it give to you as you respond to Jesus' call to go?*
7. *What do you think of when you hear the word discipleship? Mission? How do the two relate to each other?*





8. Jesus says he that he has "all authority in heaven and on earth". What difference does that authority make for the work of making disciples?

When Jesus rose victorious from the grave and met with his disciples, he gave them a vision and mission for their lives in various ways before ascending to his Father. We call it the 'Great Commission'. Each of the Gospel accounts and the book of Acts, Luke's second volume, contain a version of the Great Commission. Read Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-16, Luke 24:45-49, John 20:19-23 and Acts 1:8.

9. In what ways are these versions of the Great Commission the same and in what ways are they different? What emphases do each of them highlight of the mission to which Christ is calling us?

Read Acts 3:1-9; 4:5-13

10. What prompted Peter and John to stop and minister to this beggar?
11. Peter and John were not able to help with money but they were able to give what they had. What did they have?
12. As a group, make a list of all the things we have because of Jesus.
13. Given this list, why then do you think Christians still struggle with the call to "GO"?
14. What was the result of Peter and John giving the beggar what they had, and what can we expect to see when we give what we have been given; when we "GO" in obedience to Christ's commands?
15. The authorities took note that these men had been with Jesus. To what degree could people around you say that? What would that look like?



God has given you a boarding pass to go on a mission journey:

- beyond where you have been before.
- beyond the limits you have imposed on yourselves
- beyond the limits you have let others impose on you

You have been cleared for take off. Where will you go? Which runway will you taxi down? How far will you let his love take you? That's the call and journey Jesus invites you to take-off on today.

**God prepare our hearts for what you have for us next
and give us a heart of faith to go where you call us to go.**

16. In what ways are you obeying this command to "Go" or what needs to change to get you moving on Jesus's mission? Share.
17. Which parts of the 'Serving Opportunities' did you list at the Vision2030 night?(If you haven't done it, please download from the website or App).
18. Share with at least one person outside your Church family, some way that your faith has helped you before you meet next time.



- * Praise God for clearing you for take off and giving you all authority to play your part in transforming lives. Thank Jesus for his abiding presence in every mission calling he gives to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage to get out of your comfort zones and "Go".
- * Pray for LifeWay's Vision2030: Beyond Limits that was released this past weekend that God would fulfill his purpose through the Church.
- * Pray that God would inspire/enthuse you to head out on a new journey, past your limits, to make a new journey with him towards fulfilling this Vision.
- * Pray for one on the areas you regularly attend (work, park, gym) that God would lead you to have the right conversation at the right time with someone there.
- * Pray for each other and one particular need you have at this time.

Turn to the person next to you and make the sign of the cross on the palm of their hand or forehead as you say:

Name, go in the name of Jesus to be his hands, his feet
and his love to the world. Amen.

