

Live on *mission.*



Normal Campus Sermon Study - 10.11.2026

Leader's Corner

Genesis 12:1–3
Matthew 28:18–20

Main Idea: God's mission has always been to draw every nation to Himself—and when we follow Jesus, His mission becomes our mission.

Main Passage: Genesis 12:1–3 + Matthew 28:18–20

Main Practice: Identify where God has already placed you to live as a “sent one,” then take one intentional step toward someone locally or globally.

Leader Summary: From Abraham to Israel, from Jesus to the Church, Scripture tells one unfolding story: God blesses His people so they can carry His blessing to others. Missions isn't a special assignment for a select few Christians. Following Jesus means joining His mission—across the street and around the world.

Prayer and Praise

Worship Suggestions:

* Build Your Kingdom Here — Rend Collective

* God of This City — Chris Tomlin

* I Will Follow — Chris Tomlin

Opening Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for inviting us into something bigger than ourselves. Open our eyes to the people and places You love. Show us where comfort, safety, success, or distraction have competed for our attention. Give us courage to say yes—to go wherever, whenever, and however You lead. Amen.

Group Discussion

Read:

Genesis 11:1–4 & Genesis 12:1–3

At Babel, humanity says, “Let us make a name for ourselves.” One chapter later, God tells Abraham, “I will make your name great... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Discuss:

- * What contrast do you notice between Genesis 11 and Genesis 12?
- * Why do you think God’s blessing of Abraham immediately includes blessing others?
- * Where are you tempted to build your life around making a name for yourself rather than making God known?

Key Thought:

God’s blessing was never intended to stop with us. It moves through us.

Read:

Exodus 19:3–6 & 1 Peter 2:9–10

God calls Israel a “kingdom of priests.” Peter later uses remarkably similar language.

Discuss:

- * What does a priest do? What might it mean for us to live as a “royal priesthood” today?
- * According to 1 Peter 2:9, why has God called us out of darkness?
- * How does this change the way you think about your workplace, neighborhood, school, team, or relationships?

Read:

Matthew 28:18–20 & Acts 1:8

Israel was often positioned to say “Come and see.” Jesus sends His followers to “Go and tell.”

Discuss:

- * What commands or promises stand out in these passages?
- * Where does Jesus say His witnesses will go?
- * What keeps ordinary Christians from seeing themselves as “sent?”
- * How would your week look different if you genuinely believed, “God has sent me here?”

Key Thought:

When we begin following Jesus, God’s mission becomes our mission.

Practice

The Tug-of-War

The sermon names four things that can quietly compete with God's mission:

SAVINGS — SAFETY — RESUME — RELAXATION

Give everyone a minute to consider:

Which one most easily captures my time, talent, and attention? Why?

Then ask:

What might it look like to surrender that area to God's purposes?

Local + Global

Have everyone identify two names:

LOCAL: Who is one person God has already placed near me who needs the hope of Jesus?

GLOBAL: What nation, people group, missionary, or global ministry could I intentionally begin praying for?

Encourage everyone to put those two names somewhere they'll see them this week.

This Week's Challenge:

PRAY. GO. GIVE. INVITE.

Choose one tangible action this week that moves God's mission forward through your life.

Further Study

Read these passages throughout the week and notice the repeated theme of God's heart for the nations:

Psalm 67:1–7 — Blessing that reaches the nations

Isaiah 49:6 — A light to the nations

John 20:21 — "I am sending you"

Romans 1:5 — Grace received for the sake of His name among the nations

Revelation 5:9–10 — Every tribe, language, people, and nation

Final Reflection:

The sermon ended with a powerful question, "Does he know you're coming for him?"

There are people across the street and around the world who do not yet know the Father who is pursuing them.

Where might God be asking you to say, "I'm coming."