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What this message is about

God encounters us individually and sends us as teams.

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To persuade us to accept our calling as “sent” individuals but to “go” as teams who understand the nature of our assignment.

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Review

1. Since the fall of man God has been searching out his fallen creation.
2. God’s big story involves his search and rescue plans for his fallen creation

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Review

3. God sends people to accomplish his purposes

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There are ten dynamics related to our team involvement in God’s search and rescue mission in this world.

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1. Those who are sent first have a life-changing encounter



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Isa. 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.



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Isa. 6:1-5

² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.



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Isa. 6:1-5

³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"



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Isa. 6:1-5

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.



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Isa. 6:1-5

⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"



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2. Those who have a life changing encounter are sent with a team.



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Luke 10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.



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Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."



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3. The mission is difficult.



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Luke 10:3

Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.



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4. We go dependent upon God.



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Luke 10:4

Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.



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5. We go in the authority of the Father given to Jesus.



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Luke 10:5-12

Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.



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Luke 10:5-12

⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.



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Luke 10:5-12

⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say,



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Luke 10:5-12

¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.



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Mt. 28:18-19a

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,



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6. We go in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



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7. We are expected to discern God's preparation.



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Luke 10:6

And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.



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8. Our primary task requires depth of relationships.



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Mt. 28:19

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.



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9. Some members of our team will need major encouragement.



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Mt. 28:16-17

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.



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10. God will accept no excuses for not going.



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'"



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue."



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well."



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do.



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Ex. 4:1, 10, 13-16

¹⁶ He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. ¹⁷ And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs."



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Next Step

Pray for willingness to go and to be part of a team that is purposefully fulfilling the command to make disciples.



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