

Everyday Church Series
“Everyday Mission”
1 Peter 2:9-3:14

We are on a mission from God.

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”

¹¹ Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (NLT)

...In our country.

¹³ For the Lord’s sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, ¹⁴ or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

¹⁵ It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.

¹⁶ For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. ¹⁷ Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

1 Peter 2:13-17 (NLT)

...In the workplace.

¹⁸ You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you - not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. ¹⁹ For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. ²⁰ Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

²² He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.

²³ He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

²⁴ He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

By his wounds you are healed.

²⁵ Once you were like sheep who wandered away.

But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:18-25 (NLT)

...In our homes.

In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over ² by observing your pure and reverent lives.

³ Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. ⁴ You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. ⁵ This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands. ⁶ For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

⁷ In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:1-7 (NLT)

...everyday, everywhere, all the time.

⁸ Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹ Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say,

*"If you want to enjoy life
and see many happy days,
keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies.*

¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good.
Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

¹² The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right,
and his ears are open to their prayers.

*But the Lord turns his face
against those who do evil."*

¹³ Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

1 Peter 3:1-14 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

Mission isn't events we tack onto our life.

Mission is our life.

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

8 Ways to Live Out Everyday Mission:

Eat with people.

Talk to co-workers.

Walk, don't drive.

Volunteer for non-profits.

Be a regular.

Participate in city events.

Get your hobby on.

Serve your neighbors.

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Who is your favorite spy or spy movie? Why?
2. Tell of a time in your life when you felt like you were "on a mission". Nothing else mattered but completing the mission.

How did your mission turn out?

3. Read 1 Peter 2:9-3:14 all the way through out loud. Pause for a minute of silence. Re-read the passage all the way through. Share what one thing stands out to you from the passage?
4. Re-read 1 Peter 2:12, 15. and 1 Peter 3:1-2 When was a time you just kept doing what was good or right regardless of persecution?

What will be the result of doing that according to these verses?

5. Re-read 1 Peter 3:9. Why is it so hard to pay evil deeds or words back with a blessing?
6. In what environment (community, workplace, or home) is it easiest for you to live on mission for Jesus? Why?

In what environment do you struggle the most to live on Mission for Jesus and why?

7. Which of the 8 ways could you start doing to be on mission for Jesus everyday?