

Day 27

Our Mission Field

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:1–9

Key Verse

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Luke 10:2

Today's Devotional

Sometimes we think of missions as something that happens in another country.

Certainly, we should pray for and support those who faithfully proclaim Christ around the world.

But Jesus also reminds us that the harvest is all around us.

Our neighborhoods.

Our schools.

Our workplaces.

Our children's sports teams.

Our local businesses.

Our own community.

God has strategically placed every believer where they are for a reason.

Your street is a mission field.

Your workplace is a mission field.

Your family is a mission field.

Your friendships are a mission field.

As a church, we have been placed in the Annapolis area to shine the light of Christ.

That includes the families moving into our neighborhoods.

The young couples searching for biblical community.

The military families rotating through the area.

The retirees looking for purpose.

The children growing up with little knowledge of Scripture.

The students asking life's deepest questions.

They are not interruptions.

They are opportunities.

Launching another worship service is not simply about making room inside our building.

It is about preparing ourselves to engage the mission field God has already placed around us.

Perhaps the greatest prayer we can pray today is,

"Lord, help me notice the people You have already placed in front of me."

Often the mission field begins with one simple conversation.

One invitation.

One act of kindness.

One faithful witness.

God delights to use ordinary believers in extraordinary ways.

Think About It

1. Who lives near me that needs Christ?
 2. How can I intentionally engage my community this week?
 3. Have I become more focused on church activities than on the people God has called me to reach?
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Today's Prayer

Lord,

Open my eyes to the mission field around me.

Help me become intentional about building relationships with people who need You.

Give our church a heart for our community.

May many people hear the gospel because we were faithful to go where You have placed us.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from routine.

Take a different route home or spend a few extra minutes talking with someone you normally pass by.

Ask God to create an opportunity for meaningful conversation.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the neighborhoods surrounding Riva Trace Baptist Church.

Pray for our schools, first responders, local businesses, military families, and civic leaders.

Ask God to draw many people to Christ.