



PRAYER 4 AWAKENING

# Evangelism, Discipleship, and Missions

THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR NOTHING ELSE BUT TO DRAW MEN INTO CHRIST, TO MAKE THEM LITTLE CHRISTS. IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT, ALL THE CATHEDRALS, CLERGY, MISSIONS, SERMONS, EVEN THE BIBLE ITSELF, ARE SIMPLY A WASTE OF TIME. GOD BECAME MAN FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE  
- C. S. LEWIS



*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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: 16-20*

THE GREAT COMMISSION  
IS NOT AN OPTION TO  
BE CONSIDERED; IT IS A  
COMMAND TO BE OBEYED  
-HUDSON TAYLOR

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:38-47*



Always when the church is revived by the Holy Spirit, evangelism, discipleship and mission are the natural and inevitable outflow. Revival makes eternal issues a reality. It becomes a test of a genuine work of the Spirit.

In the mid eighteenth century David Brainerd answered God's call to work among the Indians of North America. His conversion came through a revival. Brainerd had a passion for the Indians. He would walk and pray in the woods, pleading for the Indians. It was a dangerous mission because the Indians were being pushed out of their land.

In his diary he says about praying in the woods, "All things here below vanished and there appeared to be nothing of any importance to me but holiness of heart and the conversion of the Indians to God." Because this one man had a passion for the lost there was a powerful revival among the Susquehannah Indians. Brainerd disciplined the congregation of 130. He taught them the Bible, how to fast and pray, to administer communion and to live for Jesus. He died from tuberculosis at age 29 in the home of Jonathan Edwards. (Orr, *Revival* and [www.wholesomewords.org](http://www.wholesomewords.org))

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT  
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL  
TWICE, WHILE THERE  
REMAINS SOMEONE WHO  
HAS NOT HEARD IT ONCE.  
-OSWALD J. SMITH

Simple assent to the gospel, divorced from a transforming commitment to the living Christ, is by Biblical standards less than faith, and less than saving, and to elicit only assent of this kind would be to secure only false conversions. --J.I. Packer

## PRAYER

O God you have created us to do something for you, some definite service. Great Jehovah, show us our assignment, our mission. By your strength, we shall preach and teach your truth in our congregation. We shall serve you in our calling. All this for your honor and glory! Amen

Practice:

- Consider the calling of your church.
- How are you fulfilling the call of the Gospel?
- Pray about it.