

Mission Inspiration

26 Bible Verses to Inspire Mission

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Creating A Mission Statement

Practical Mission

Face it. Every church has a Practical Mission—to attract more members to support your community congregation. It helps to keep this in mind even as you pursue loftier goals.

Spiritual Mission

A Spiritual Mission is what is usually called the Mission Statement. It reflects the personality and passion of your group of people. Your Spiritual Mission Statement should outlive demographic change. It may reflect your denominational distinction.

Strategic Mission

This is the public face of your community AND a recruitment tool. It is practical and specific. It could change from year to year.

There's more to a Mission Statement than may meet the eye!

We'll be considering the Spiritual Mission for now.

Understanding the Practical Mission and the need for Strategy is also important.

Examples of the Three Types of Mission Statements

Practical Mission

- 20 new members per month.
- Meet a budget of \$150,000 within three years.
- Rebuild endowment.
- Replace heating system and roof.
- Renovate kitchen.

Spiritual Mission

To worship locally and serve globally.

Strategic Mission

- Engage each member in at least one practical outreach effort.
- Visit new residents.
- Engage community online (near or far).
- Form alliances.

These are some of the things 2x2 considered in developing mission.

Power in Micro-Missions



As you consider your congregation's group mission, engage your most active members in their personal ambitions for mission. They will be the early implementers—leaders. Do not underestimate their importance. Their personal missions are pivotal to the group's mission. The goal is empowerment—not conformity.

Mission statements can present problems. A mission too broad will not inspire change. So many things already fit under the umbrella that there is no reason to stretch.

A mission too narrow could discourage members or potential members who have interests and talents outside the given statement.

Aim for a mission statement that gives direction without being rigid or exclusive.

Bible Verses and Images for Exploring Mission



26 excerpts from Scripture (both Old and New Testaments) follow.

Each has an image to aid in discussion. Some may be unsettling, others comforting—all to aid engagement.

A version of this guide is in Powerpoint form. You can use with a group or your members can access on their own.

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Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord said to Abram:

Go out from your land,
your relatives, and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.

I will make you into a great nation,
I will bless you,

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,

I will curse those who treat you
with contempt, and all the peoples
on earth will be blessed through you.





Exodus 19:5, 6

Now if you will listen to Me
and carefully keep My covenant,
you will be My own possession
out of all the peoples,
although all the earth is Mine,
and you will be My kingdom
of priests and My holy nation.

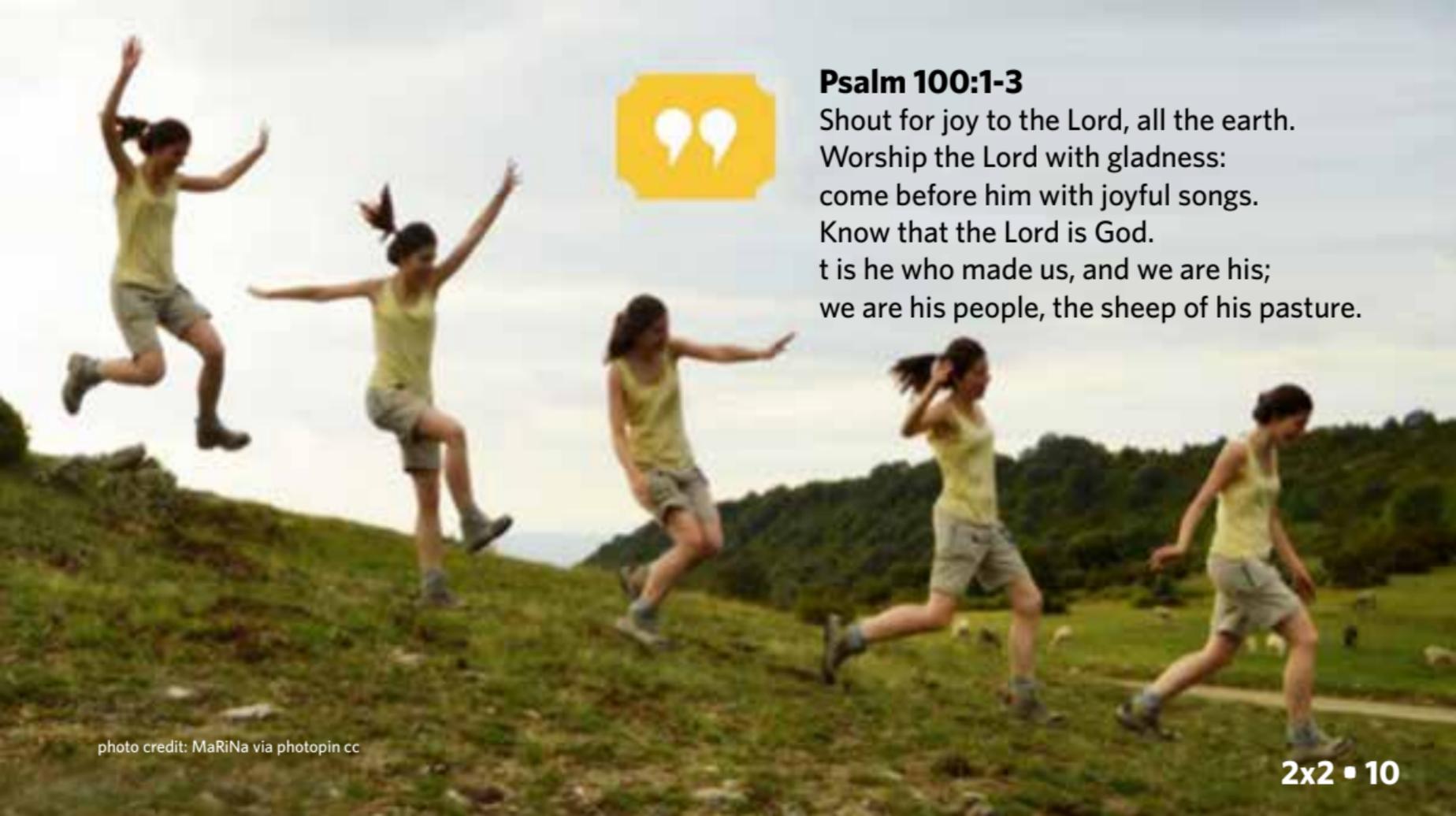


Psalm 9:11

Sing the praises of the Lord,
enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations
what he has done.

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Psalm 100:1-3

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness:
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.



Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
Who should I send?
Who will go for Us?
I said: Here I am. Send me.

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Micah 6:8

He has shown you,
O man,
what is good;
And what does the LORD
require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
and to walk humbly
with your God?



Matthew 24:14

This good news of the kingdom
will be proclaimed in all the world
as a testimony to all nations.
And then the end will come.



Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came near and said to them,
"All authority has been given to Me
in heaven and on earth.

Go, therefore, and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe everything
I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."





Mark 16:15

Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to the whole creation.

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Luke 24:48

As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high.

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John 20:21

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace to you!
As the Father has sent Me,
I also send you."

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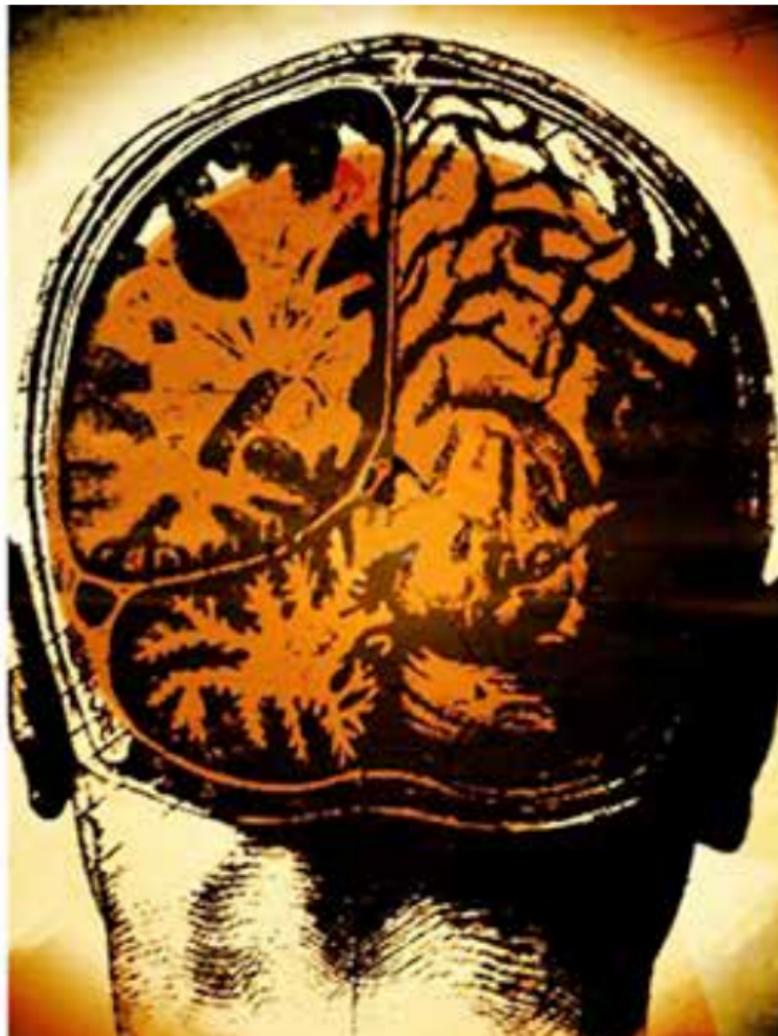
Acts 1:8

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



Romans 12

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.



Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



Romans 12

Just as each of us has one body
with many members,
and these members do not
all have the same function,
so in Christ we who are many
form one body, and each member
belongs to all the others.
We have different gifts,
according to the grace given us.

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Romans 12

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual fervor,
serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

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Romans 12

Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.





Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Philippians 4:4-5a

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again:

Rejoice!

Let your gentleness
be evident to all.





1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for His possession,
so that you may proclaim the praises
of the One who called you out
of darkness into His marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people.



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Matthew 19:14 ▪ **Mark 10:13-16**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to him, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



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Matthew 22:

Luke 10:27

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.

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John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth.



Ephesians 4:12-13

Equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and
forgive one another if any of you
has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues
put on love, which binds them
all together in perfect unity.

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1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession,
that you may declare the praises of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the
grace and knowledge
of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory
both now and forever!

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