

PROVIDENCE

On Purpose

Providence On Purpose: Engaging The World *Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8*

“We establish a convention of churches for the express purpose of eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist convention of Christians for the propagation of the gospel.” (SBC Preamble of 1845)

The Great Commission Shapes:

1. Where We Go: *all the nations*

Nation: People Groups

There are 16,500 unique people groups. 6,900 are them are considered unreached (approximately 2.9 billion people). –The Joshua Project

2. Who We Preach: *baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” Acts 2:38, 41

3. What We Teach: *teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you*

“Evangelism and discipleship are really the front side and back side of the same coin. The coin is discipleship. Evangelism is simply pre-conversion discipleship.” –Bill Hull

Engaging the World Requires 5 Commitments:

1. I Am Prepared the Share the Gospel.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” Romans 1:16

2. I Am Proactively Developing Relationships with Lost People.

“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

POINT: To win the lost, we must have relationships with the lost.

3. I Engage in Local Witnessing Opportunities.

“So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” Nehemiah 1:4

4. I Serve Selflessly Outside of PBC.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

“The measure of a man is not how many servants he has but how many men he serves.” D.L. Moody

5. I Am Taking the Gospel to the Nations.

Excuses We Make:

1. God hasn't called me.
2. We have too much work here to go somewhere else.
3. I don't know how I could ever do something like this.

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.” (vs. 20)