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Main Idea

All believers are commissioned by Christ to be the instruments He uses to carry out His mission.

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1. The *people* for the mission (vs 12)

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“He (the one) who believes”

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ **He who believes** in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God...”

“He (the one) who believes”

John 6:35

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and **he who believes** in Me will never thirst.

He who believes = All who believe

“He (the one) who believes”

John 7:38

³⁸ **He who believes in Me**, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom **those who believed in Him** were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

He who believes = All who believe

“He (the one) who believes”

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in Me** will live even if he dies,
²⁶ and **everyone who lives and believes in Me** will never die. Do you believe this?”

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“He (the one) who believes”

John 12:44-46

⁴⁴ And Jesus cried out and said, “**He who believes in Me**, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵ He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. ⁴⁶ I have come as Light into the world, so that **everyone who believes** in Me will not remain in darkness.

He who believes = All who believe

The phrase “he who believes” is used by John to represent ALL who believe in Christ, and often shows us an important contrast between those who believe and those who do not.

It is not limited to the Apostles or to a select few.

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 - b) This is normal Christianity

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The Miracles of Jesus

1. Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1–11
2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46–54
3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1–15
4. Feeding the multitude in John 6:5–14
5. Jesus walking on water in John 6:16–24
6. Healing the man who was blind from birth in John 9:1–7
7. The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1–45

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 - a) Not the working of miracles

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1 Corinthians 12:7-10... 27-29

⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the effecting of miracles...

²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? **All are not workers of miracles, are they?...**

John 14:10-11

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The central function of Jesus' works is to bear witness to who He is
and testify about Him

John 10:25, 37-38

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; **the works that I do** in My Father’s name, these **testify of Me**...

³⁷ If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works**, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

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The work of Jesus was ultimately to do the work of the Father

What was the work that the Father gave to the Son?

John 6:37-40

³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ **This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing**, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ **For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life**, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

What was the work that the Father gave to the Son?

John 10:27-30

²⁷ **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, **and they follow Me**;

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and **they will never perish**;
and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ **My Father**, who **has given them to Me**, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

What was the work that the Father gave to the Son?

To secure a definite and accomplished atonement for His people,
to infallibly save those who would believe,
and through Christ, to reconcile a people to Himself and give them eternal life

His “works” (miracles) were a testimony to this.

The miraculous works that Jesus performed were intended to testify... the testimony was for the purpose of gathering together His sheep.

He is still gathering together His sheep, and He is using all Christians to carry out this work.

How is Jesus gathering His sheep?

John 17:18, 20

¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but **for those also who believe in Me through *their* word...**

How is Jesus gathering His sheep?

Romans 10:13-15,17

13 ... “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

14 How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? **15** But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!” ...

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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- a) Not the working of miracles
- b) The work of testifying about Jesus for the salvation of His people

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How are the works of Christ's people greater than His own?

Not greater in value, significance, or rank, but greater in terms of that which is apparent or visible.

The redemption that Christ secured for His people would be visibly applied to the nations through the testifying work of those who believe in Him.

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3. The *message* of the mission (vs 7-9)

a.) Only the Son reveals the Father

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John 14:6

⁶ “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

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3. The *message* of the mission (vs 7-9)

a.) Only the Son reveals the Father

b.) Salvation is needed universally, but is available exclusively In Jesus

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1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ For there is **one God**, and **one mediator** also between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus...

Acts 4:12

¹² And **there is salvation in no one else**; for **there is no other name** under heaven that has been given... **by which we must be saved.**

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ **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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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4. The *provision* for the mission (vs 12-14)

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John 16:7-8

⁷ But I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away;**
for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ **And He, when He comes, will convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment...

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4. The *provision* for the mission (vs 12-14)

a.) The Holy Spirit is with us, making the work effectual

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4. The *provision* for the mission (vs 12-14)
 - a.) The Holy Spirit is with us, making the work effectual
 - b.) We can ask for and receive everything we need for the mission

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5. The *purpose* of the mission (vs 13)

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5. The *purpose* of the mission (vs 13)
 - a.) To bring glory to the Father
 - b.) To bring glory to the Father in the Son

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6. The *motivation* for the mission (vs 15)

a.) Love for Christ

¹⁵ **If you love Me**, you will keep My commandments.

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