

**The Mission**  
**The Mission Directive**  
**Pastor Steve**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

**Key Verse of the Day**

*So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:6-8 NLT

*And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 NLT*

*"And you will be my witnesses..."*

**A Witness...**

- Is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ something is true.

**Grab This!**

A witness is already fully \_\_\_\_\_.

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Romans 8:28 NLT*

**A Witness...**

- Doesn't just talk like a Christian... A true witness \_\_\_\_\_ like a Christian.

*"Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words." — St. Francis of Assisi*

*Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14 NLT*

**Don't Miss This!**

You cannot be an \_\_\_\_\_ if you live contrary to the way that Jesus would have you live.

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT

### **A Witness...**

- Is faithful whatever \_\_\_\_\_.

*A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.*

*And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.*

*"But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!'*

*"Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.*

*So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. Luke 14:25-33 NLT*

### **Grab This!**

Jesus is saying if you are not sacrificing for me... then you are not \_\_\_\_\_ me.

### **The Bottom Line**

If someone were to ask you, How have you sacrificed for Jesus and the Gospel? What would you say?

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Acts 1:8a NLT*