

**Sermon Series: “Oneness of Purpose” – 2020 HCHB Theme**

**Message Summary:** Please don't turn off to this message! It's going to be about *missions*. Lots of Christians immediately respond to world missions by saying, "That's not for me!" I think God would disagree. Getting the gospel of Jesus Christ out to the whole world is our Family Business, it's our "Oneness of Purpose". In this message, let's consider *why* that is and *how* that works.

## **The Church – On a Mission from God!**

Acts 1:1-8

### **1. Our Purpose is Global**

- A. Because of the Character of God
- B. Because of the Condition of the Harvest
- C. Because of the Commission of Jesus
- D. Because of the Coming Judgment

### **Our Purpose is Possible**

- A. When Filled With the Holy Spirit
- B. When Followers Become Fishermen

### **LifeGroup Questions:**

**BEGIN IT – (5min)** Sing praise to the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

**OPEN IT- (10min)** If you could take a trip somewhere far away, where would you go?

**EXPLORE IT- (60min)** Read Acts 1:1-8 and review Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. In v.8, what task did Jesus assign the apostles?
2. Who would help the apostles get their job done?
3. How do we know when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives?
4. What specific means (abilities, opportunities, relationships) has God given you to carry out the task of being His witness?
5. Honestly ask God to help you understand what your role is in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

**APPLY IT- (15min)** Consider your LifeGroup supporting a missionary-being able to share in both the responsibility (financial help, prayer support, communications) as well as the spiritual fruit (reading reports from the field and rejoicing in souls saved).