

**Launch** – A mission statement is a precise statement that defines what an organization does and what purpose it serves. Discuss what a mission statement is for a church or an individual and why it is important.

Write or share a mission statement that you would like to be evident in your life: \_\_\_\_\_

**Explore** – Discuss how the following verses reflect a mission statement for the life of Jesus and Paul and how those mission statements are manifested in their lives.

**The Life of Jesus:**

- **Luke 19:10** (how does this verse define the life of Jesus as described the story from Luke 19:1-10?)
- **Mark 10:45** (how does this verse define the life of Jesus as described the story from Mark 10:35-45?)

**The Life of Paul:**

- **Acts 9:15; Acts 22:21; Romans 11:13**
- **2 Corinthians 5:19-20**
- **Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1**

Not all of us will live with that degree of clarity or purpose in life, but developing a personal mission statement is important. Though God orchestrates our circumstances and directs our paths, far too many Christians live passively, knowing what they were saved **from** without knowing what they were saved **for!**

Prayerful assessment of life, location, career, relationships, habits, and all other relevant components of a calling will help you fulfill your God-given mission.

**Apply** – Spend some time asking God what your mission is in this world. What is He calling you to do? For what purpose did He create you, design you, redeem you, and restore you to His Kingdom?

**Prayer** – *Lord, You are the director, renovator, and orchestrator of my life. What purpose do You want me to fulfill? How do You want me to use my gifts? How are You sending me into the world? Give me clear direction and help me follow it faithfully...*