



Today we are going to bring our series of talks to a conclusion. At the end of today's message, you will be given the opportunity to determine what is your next step as a result to this message.

We begin by looking at the words of Jesus from John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (NIV)

CHOSEN...APPOINTED...RESOURCED

Jesus chose us.

He chose us **before the foundation of the world.**

Ephesians 1:4, He chose us in him before the creation of the world. (NIV)

We are people of divine **destiny.**

Jesus appointed us.

He **planted** us in a **specific place** and at a **specific time.**

He appointed us for a purpose – **to bear lasting fruit**

Ephesians 2:10, *We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* (NIV)

He promised to resource us.

Then is a key word in this verse.

Ephesians 3:20, *With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.* (NCV)

THE CHURCH GATHERED AND SCATTERED

Acts 8:1, 4, *All the believers...were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria...And wherever they were scattered, they told people the Good News.* (CEV)

1 Peter 1:1-2, *From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. To God's chosen people who are temporary residents in the world and are scattered throughout the provinces...God the Father knew you long ago and chose you to live holy lives with the Spirit's help so that you are obedient to Jesus Christ and are sprinkled with his blood. May good will and peace fill your lives!* (GW)

Two Images of the Church



The passengers are constantly fed, entertained, and pampered.

The ship returns to the same place it started.

The focus is on the having a good time.



The carrier is built to project and expand influence into what would otherwise be inaccessible enemy territory.

Its primary purpose is fulfilled through the pilots whose mission it supports.

The workplace is where Christians have the greatest opportunity to fulfill the great commission. In the workplace, the witness comes in a form that cannot be tuned out like a radio program. It cannot be thrown away like a Bible tract. It cannot be turned down like an invitation to a concert, church or other event. The person yet to accept Christ can tune almost anything out, but he or she cannot tune out the spectacle of the Christian living in the power of the Spirit day by day, hour by hour, crisis by crisis at work.

--Mark Greene
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The church on Monday is evidence that the church on Sunday is real!