

Frontline Stories

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Overview

1. The Great Commission
2. Frontline Ministry Moment
3. Three Questions + Six Ms
4. The Day Of

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples **went to Galilee**, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth** has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make **disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV[®])



The Great Commission

Questions:

1. What is Jesus telling his disciples to do?
2. Why does Jesus appear to his disciples in Galilee?
3. How does Jesus' authority help his disciples?

The Great Commission

1. What is Jesus telling his disciples to do?
 - The only command is “make disciples!”
 - “Go... baptizing... teaching” all modify that command.
 - In other words, we’re told to make disciples as we’re going, baptizing, and teaching.

The Great Commission

2. Why does Jesus appear to his disciples in Galilee?
 - Galilee is their hometown, where they live and grew up
 - What's your Galilee, where you're at?
 - The mission begins in our towns and neighborhoods!

The Great Commission

3. How does Jesus' authority help his disciples?
 - They can have great confidence that their mission will succeed!
 - If we have the authority of Jesus, our mission to reach our towns and neighborhoods will succeed!

God has sent you on a
Great (Com)Mission to
reach your Frontline!

“Your Frontline is the place where you spend the majority of your time outside the church, where you are in contact with non-Christians.”

Life on the Frontline (Leadership Booklet, Pg 8)



Frontline Ministry Moment

- Taking place during the special portion of the worship service
- Like faith story, but interview instead of pre-written testimony...
- Pastor or Elder will ask you three questions: 1) What is your frontline? 2) How is God moving there? 3) How can we pray for you?

Q1. Identify - What is your frontline?

- What is your frontline?
 - Your job, neighborhood, family, friends, grocery store, coffee shop, gym, hobbies, clubs, etc.?
 - Where will I be at [This Time Monday](#) (TTM)?
 - The place where you know the most non-Christians

Q2. Impact - How is God moving there?

- Share what God is doing in and through you.
- Not about boasting, but praising.
- God uses normal people to do kingdom work.

There's Lot's of Ways To Impact Your Frontline

The **Six Ms** of Fruitfulness on the Frontline

- M1. Modeling Godly character
- M2. Making good work
- M3. Ministering grace and love
- M4. Moulding culture
- M5. Mouthpiece for truth and justice
- M6. Messenger of the Gospel

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M1. Modeling Godly character

- **Galatians 5:19-26**
 - 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (NIV[®])

M1. Modeling Godly character

- God uses our character to impact others.
- The person we are reflects the God we know.
 - Who do you reflect? Jesus or...
- The Holy Spirit is actively molding us!
 - Spiritual formation is a lifetime journey

How can you can model
Godly character on your
frontline?

M2. Making good work

- **Colossians 3:22-4:1**
 - 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.
 - 4 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. (NIV[®])

M2. Making good work

- The way we treat our nine to five job is of eternal consequence.
- Is your job oppressive or can it be redemptive?
- Who are you serving?
 - Our true boss is a heavenly king not an earthly master, or even ourselves.
 - In all we do, we can serve and honor Jesus.

How can you can make
good work on your
frontline?

M3. Ministering grace and love

- **Luke 20:25-37 (thru v. 29)**
 - 25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
 - 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”
 - 27 He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
 - 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”
 - 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (NIV®)

M3. Ministering grace and love

- **Luke 20:25-37 (thru v. 37)**
 - 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’
 - 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise. (NIV®)

M3. Ministering grace and love

- When we offer grace and love to the undeserving, we model Jesus to others.
- Grace ~ a gift we don't deserve / God's unmerited favor given to us
- Love ~ genuinely caring for another
- We don't deserve God's grace, but we have it, so now we can freely extend grace and love to the needy.

How can you can minister
grace and love on your
frontline?

M4. Moulding culture

- **Colossians 3:1-11**

- Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
- 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. (NIV[®])

M4. Moulding culture

- Christians work to redeem every aspect of culture... (civic, social, arts, media, education, career, etc.)
- “...seek the peace and prosperity of the city...”
Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV®)
- The gospel is incredibly leveling... (Rom 8:19-21)
- Everything is broken before God
- Everything can be made new through Jesus

How can you can mold
culture on your frontline?



M5. Mouthpiece for truth and justice

- **2 Samuel 12:1-13 (thru v. 4)**
 - The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.
 - 4 “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” (NIV®)

M5. Mouthpiece for truth and justice

- **2 Samuel 12:1-13 (thru v. 10)**
 - 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”
 - 7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’ (NIV®)

M5. Mouthpiece for truth and justice

- **2 Samuel 12:1-13 (thru v. 13)**
 - 11 “This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”
 - 13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”
 - Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. (NIV[®])

M5. Mouthpiece for truth and justice

- Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah 1:17 (NIV®)
- Sometimes we’re called to speak up, to blow the whistle, to say, “That’s not right!”
- Truth spoken in love

How can you can be a
mouthpiece for truth and
justice on your frontline?

M6. Messenger of the Gospel

- **1 Peter 3:15-16**
 - 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (NIV[®])

M6. Messenger of the Gospel

- We do gospel deeds so that we can share gospel words.
- Action and explanation go together
- We can't preach the gospel without words
- The most life-changing thing we can offer anyone is the good news of Jesus Christ.

How can you can be a
messenger of the gospel
on your frontline?

Q3. Integration - How can we pray for you?

- Give us 1-2 specific requests we can pray for you on your frontline.
- This helps us become more outward focused.

The Day Of

- At least one week prior, talk with the Pastor about your answers and what you intend to say.
 - Write it down if it helps.
- For the ministry moment, the Pastor will call you up, introduce you, and ask you each question one at a time.
 - 1) What is your frontline? 2) How is God moving there?
3) How can we pray for you?
- Then the Pastor will pray for you and your frontline.

Further Resources

- Life on the Frontline (DVD) <https://liccshop.uk/product/life-on-the-frontline/>
- Fruitfulness on the Frontline (DVD/Book)
 - for further information on the book please go to: <http://www.ivpbooks.com/product/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline/>
 - for information on the DVD please go to <http://www.ivpbooks.com/product/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline-dvd/>
 - to purchase the eBook edition please go to: https://www.amazon.com/Fruitfulness-Frontline-Mark-Greene-ebook/dp/B00IUUKY0HQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1472741148&sr=8-1&keywords=fruitfulness+on+the+frontline#nav-subnav

Further Resources Cont.

- Imagine Church (Book) <http://www.ivpbooks.com/product/imagine-church/>
- Leading a Whole-life Disciplemaking Church (Booklet) <http://www.licc.org.uk/imagine-church/resources/leading-a-wholelife-disciplemaking-church/>
- [London Institute for Contemporary Christianity](http://www.licc.org.uk/) (LICC)