

## **HHC Sermon Study Guide - Mission**

This week, the sermon highlighted the mission of God. It has been said that the Church does not have a mission but rather the mission of God has a Church. We are reminded this week that our mission is to serve God at all times; God's work never stops!

If you missed this week's sermon go to [www.hamiltonhills.org](http://www.hamiltonhills.org) and get caught up.

### **Key Passage - Acts 1:8 CSB**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

### **Discussion Points:**

In the spring of last year, HHC went through a sermon series entitled We>Me. In that series, we learned how the local church is not "the endgame" but rather a resource center where together the people of God work together to further God's agenda. Today, during this very challenging and exciting time, we are still together though we be a part. As we individually serve God and join Him on mission, together we can make a difference.

Read 2 Cor. 5:18-20. What is every ambassador's ministry? What does it advance?

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As a part of Hamilton Hills, how can we bring hope to the world around us during the COVID -19 pandemic? In what ways are we already "living out loud" our faith? Write down some practical and innovative ways to love your neighbors and the community around you?

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### **Diving Deeper:**

Servant evangelism is an important part of reaching the world around us. One of the ways that the local government has encouraged the churches to help during this crisis is by looking out for the elderly. In Matthew 28, the Great Commission, exhorts believers to be active in disciple-making. One practical way to look at the fulfillment of this Commission is for Hamilton Hills to be involved in the total penetration of our community through total participation of the membership.

In the key verse for the week, we find the agenda for all Christians during this time and for all time until Jesus returns; God's mission is for us to spread the good news. In Acts 1:8, the disciples were waiting for a promise from God to be fulfilled. Jesus told them they would receive "power" the the Holy Spirit would come upon them. Today, we have that same power from the indwelling Holy Spirit as Christians. This power is amazing and equips us to advance the gospel no matter what we face in this broken world. As Acts 1:8 demonstrates, God expects us to claim responsibility for our local communities, our own Jerusalem, and then beyond. Today, take serious the mandate to be a people who reach people with the message and hope of Jesus.

**Prayer:**

Pray for God to use this time to remind you of the people who need the hope that comes from the gospel message. Pray about how your family will reach out to those within reach and for courage to do so. Ask God to give you a passion for the success of our online worship experiences and that others would be impacted during this time. Finally, thank God for giving you power through the Holy Spirit to live for Him and serve Him no matter what is going on in the world around you.