

# Vision Quest Group Guide #1: Biblical Foundations for Mission

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## 1. Either read silently or take turns reading these Bible/EGW Texts

A. **Bible:** Genesis 3:9; Matt. 24:14; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 4:18; Luke 15:4; Luke 19:10; John 9:4; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; Ephesians 3:9; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 14:6-7.

Write down thoughts here: \_\_\_\_\_

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B. **Ellen White** excerpts on "mission"

"The Saviour's words, 'Ye are the light of the world,' point to the fact that He has committed to His followers a world-wide mission. . . He teaches us to look upon every needy soul as our neighbor and the world as our field. . . " (Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, 42)

"Jesus continues: As you confess Me before men, so I will confess you before God and the holy angels. You are to be My witnesses upon earth, channels through which My grace can flow for the healing of the world" (Desire of Ages, 357).

"In almost every community there are large numbers who do not listen to the preaching of God's word or attend any religious service. If they are reached by the gospel, it must be carried to their homes. Often the relief of their physical needs is the only avenue by which they can be approached" (Ministry of Healing, 144).

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" (MH, 143).

\*She also sees the value in "appointing meetings" along with health work and home Bible studies to share the truths we have in the Word of God (Early Writings 266-268).

## 2. Fill in the blanks writing down your thoughts after reading these items

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3. Look again at the Mission statement definition: **Mission:** a noun from the "Latin missio, from mitto, to send. This denotes the idea of a particular purpose to be accomplished by the person being sent for the one who sent them. Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

4. Look at the Sample mission statements:

A. General Conference:

The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to make disciples of all people, communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and unite with His remnant Church, discipling them to serve Him as Lord and preparing them for His soon return.

B. Northern California Conference: The Northern California Conference is a network of churches, schools and ministries dedicated to transforming people through the good news of Jesus Christ and preparing them for His soon return.

C. Hayfork Adventist Church: To be God's instruments in making fully-committed followers of Jesus who are ready for His soon-return!

5. In 1-2 sentences write down a mission statement in your own words that is Scriptural and tells what we are sent by God to do. Share ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Write down what others share and combine into 1 Statement:

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7. Statement the group chooses to submit: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Facilitator: you will read the statement to the congregation

9. Note-taker: you will make sure the pastor receives the statement