

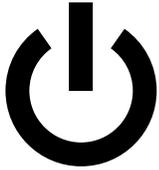


**Speaker:** Steve Kozak

**Title:** Reasonable Mission

**Summary:** Jesus sends us outward with his love.

**Key Verses:** Matthew 22:34–40; John 20:19–23; 1 Peter 2:5



**Power Up:** *Take a moment to prepare*

Conferences, camps, and retreats stir a deep love for God that does not always translate to life back at home. Explain why we might keep this love to ourselves rather than sharing it with our friends, family, and classmates.



**Replay:** *Take some time to watch*

Note the flow of Steve's talk: **1)** a confession of hate; **2)** adding love of neighbor to love of God; **3)** saying Yes to God (Stephanie Taylor); **4)** living on mission at home.



**Comment:** *Take some time to talk*

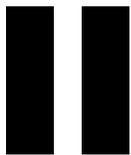
Steve admits how easy it is to proclaim God when life is going well, but this is tested in the face of opponents. **How have you experienced this?**

**Read Matthew 22:34–40. What happens to us if we divorce these two commands?** Explain how other moral commands fit into these two.

Steve exhorts us to “love like Jesus.” **What are specific ways Jesus showed love to others? How did He express His love to God?**

Stephanie talks about “feeling empty” even though her life was planned out. **How have you felt like this? What Yeses have you said to God?**

“Wherever you go, that’s your mission field,” Steve claims. **What is a misconception we often have about missionaries? Where is your mission field? Who is the ONE you will pray for, seek, share with?**



**Pause:** *Take a moment to pray*

Thank Jesus for loving us. Thank Jesus for sending His Spirit so we can live on mission with peace and purpose. Ask Jesus for faithfulness to pray for, seek, and share with ONE person His amazing grace.



**Take Action:** *Make it personal*

Find an index card, page in your Bible, or app on your phone where you can write the name of ONE person you will pray for, seek, and share with. Record the date when you first started praying. Leave space to write the day when that ONE person confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior.

## Bonus Features: Additional Notes and Quotes from Steve Kozak

“We’ve all at some point in time hated someone.”

“Loving others requires us to get outside of ourselves... to take leaps and steps of faith that are sometimes scary... We need to turn the corner and get you outside the box.”

### Notes on John 20:19-23

- God raised Jesus from the dead; he appeared to women at the tomb.
- Peter and John confirmed the empty tomb.
- Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room.
- He spoke “Peace” over them and commissioned them: “I send you.”

### Thoughts from Stephanie Taylor (missionary with Breathe Partners in Haiti)

- She doesn’t like the term “missionary” because it puts people in a different category.
- “Missionaries are not varsity Christians.”
- She learned to say Yes to James 3, which led to a 100 other Yeses.
- Her life “on mission” was less of a call and more a matter of regularly saying Yes.

“When you get outside of the box (and say yes to God), you think you’re giving everything up. It’s terrifying. But every time I said Yes, I got so much more in response...”

“It’s a million little deaths, that’s what Christianity is.”

“If you are a student, everyone is expecting you to get your life presentable. Think about a metaphor of a stone [1 Peter 2:5]. We don’t get to have a plan of the giant building that God has. If we walk out of this place and thinking we have all of this together, we probably have it wrong. But we’re living stones. You’re probably going to find life when you see your life as a stone.” you give it up to God.

### Joining the **What If** Campaign

“Whether you’re a stockbroker on Wall Street or a stock boy at Walmart, take Jesus with you! Wherever you go that’s your mission field. God has specifically placed you in the context for a specific purpose. Don’t miss the opportunities.”

“When you start praying for people, God uses it to change your heart and how you see them.”

1. **Pray daily** for ONE person
2. **Seek weekly** time with that ONE person
3. **Share monthly** about the reason for the hope you have with that ONE person

“It is not your job to save anyone. That’s God job. Your job is to enter the conversation.”