

# Becoming Uncommon

**Common people become uncommon standing on the promises of God.**  
- Dawson Trotman (Navigators)

Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup> as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. NIV

Esther 4:14 “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” NIV

1 Chronicles 12:32 The men of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel should do. [Paraphrased]

The need is great! **What should we do?**

**Starting point: what are we supposed to be doing?**

Let's make sure we are doing what we are supposed to be doing before we decide what it is we should be doing.

I would propose looking at 2 things:

- 1) What does the Bible tell us (the church) to do?
- 2) What example was set for us? What did the early church do?

**What did the early church do?**

**What will we do? What is our culture?**

Matthew 4:23 Jesus **went** throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. NIV84

Matthew 9:35 Jesus **went** through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. NIV84

Luke 8:1-3 After this, Jesus **traveled** about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. NIV84

Luke 9:6 So [the twelve] **set out** and **went** from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere. NIV84

Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and **sent** them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. NIV84

Matthew 22:8-10 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> **Go** to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests." NIV84

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am **sending** you. NIV84

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV84

Acts 1:8 [Jesus said,] "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NIV84

Acts 5:42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. NIV84

Acts 22:21 "Then the Lord said to [Paul], 'Go; I will **send** you far away to the Gentiles.'" NIV84

Acts 20:20-21 You know that I [, Paul,] have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. <sup>21</sup> I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. NIV84