

God is Our Hope; We are the Delivery Method June 2, 2024

>> God's **method** for what he wants to do in the world is you.

>> God is the hope of the world, but we are the delivery method.

Luke 5:30-31

But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor–sick people do.

>> You are God's method for making a difference in your world.

Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to **equip the saints** for the work of **ministry**, for building up the body of Christ

>> It is a **privilege** to carry the hope of God into the world.

Mark 16:15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

>> We have a **responsibility** to be the embodiment of God in this world.

2 Corinthians 5:20

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Romans 10:14-15

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

>> You were not created to make a difference alone, but God wants to empower you.

>> God empowers people to accomplish his purpose.

>> God has uniquely gifted you for the ways he has called you to serve him.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things **he planned for us long ago.**

1 Peter 4:10

God has given **each of you** a gift from his **great variety** of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.