

Worship Date: April 11, 2010

Worship Theme: Teach in Christ's Name

Scripture Reference: Acts 5:27–32 (Luke 24:40-48 is a more child-friendly version of the same message.)

Materials: A video tape of the movie "Mission Impossible."

"Mission Impossible" is a movie starring Tom Cruise. There have been two of these movies made and they are based on a television show that was popular way back in the 1960's. Of course, none of you were even born then, but some of you may have heard about it.

"Mission Impossible" is a spy story with a lot of mystery and excitement. On the old television show, it always began the same way -- secret agent Jim Phelps would receive a tape recorded message which said, "Jim, your mission, if you choose to accept it is..." and then it would give him an assignment which seemed impossible to accomplish. Of course, he always accepted the assignment. He would then choose a group of agents -- each one with a special talent -- who would help him to accomplish his mission. As you might guess, the super secret agents of the "Impossible Mission Force" were always able to complete their mission.

You and I have been given a mission by Jesus. Our mission is to tell the whole world about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Now, that would seem to be an impossible mission for a group of boys and girls, but it isn't. You see, we don't have to do it alone. The Church, like the "Impossible Mission Force," is made up of many people. Each of us has been given special talents to help accomplish the mission. If we choose to accept our mission, then "Mission Impossible" becomes "Mission Possible."

How about you? Are you willing to accept your mission?

Dear Jesus, you have given us our mission, may each of us be willing to accept our mission and tell others about your love and forgiveness. Amen.

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