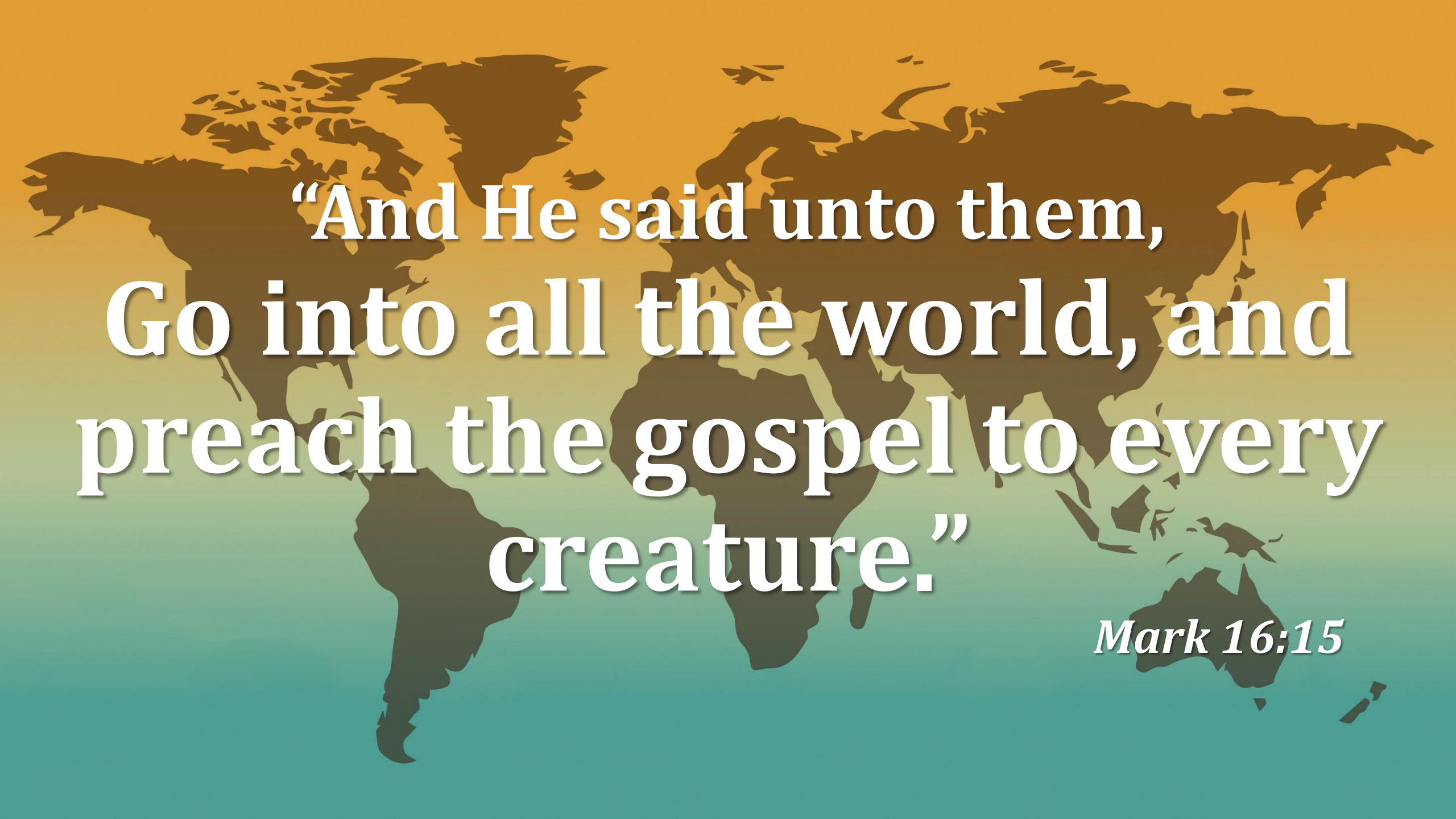


# PURSUING — OUR — MISSION

Liberating the Church

*Acts 6:1-7*



A stylized world map in dark brown and black tones, centered on the Atlantic Ocean, serves as the background for the text. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

**“And He said unto them,  
Go into all the world, and  
preach the gospel to every  
creature.”**

*Mark 16:15*

# pas·tor

/'pastər/

*noun*

1. shepherd; a helper, or feeder of the sheep (from Latin *pascere* – a place where the sheep are fed or grazed)
2. a man who meets the Scriptural qualifications (*1 Tim. 3:1-7*), is called by God, and affirmed and ordained by the church to lead a local assembly





## ***3 Terms Used:***

- **Pastor** – *shepherd*
- **Elder** – *experience in the faith; authority*
- **Bishop** – *overseers or administrators*

# dea·con

/'dēkən/

*noun*

1. Servant *or* to serve
2. a man who meets the Scriptural qualifications (*1 Tim. 3:8-13*), and is chosen by the congregation to serve and care for the needs of the church body.

## Two specific purposes of deacons:

**1. To liberate the congregation to focus on ministry.**

**a) care for the needs of the individuals**

**b) care for the function of the organization**







**What we may perceive as problems are nothing more than God-given opportunities...**

- 1) Opportunities to examine our mission**
- 2) Opportunities to examine ourselves**
- 3) Opportunities to exercise our faith**
- 4) Opportunities to express our love**

## Two specific purposes of deacons:

1. To liberate the congregation to focus on ministry.
2. To liberate the pastors to focus on ministry.





- 1. What problems in your life does God want to redefine as opportunities?**
- 2. How are you viewing God's church?**
  - *A fortress to protect?*
  - *An organization to maintain?*
  - *A dynamic army of Gospel-speaking, Gospel-living people to be unleashed?*
- 3. Would you pray that God would unleash His church so that "the number of disciples multiplies greatly" here on Guam?**



**NEXTSTEPS**