

Matthew 28:16–20 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup>Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- 7) Why does Jesus anchor the mission in His authority?
- 8) What does it practically mean to make disciples? Define what it means to be a disciple first.
- 9) How does His promised presence strengthen our courage?
- 10) How would leaning into God’s mission for the world help you find a greater sense of purpose and identity? Are there things in your life that you need to change to make that possible?
- 11) This past Sunday, Pastor Craig presented what we’re going to be doing for the next two years through our campaign. We will be making room for others. How does this fall and fit in the Mission that we’ve been talking about today and how can you participate?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: Think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Ask God to give you compassion for people who are spiritually lost. How can you join Him on Mission for those people?
- 2) Take the challenge of the prayer card that was given out on Sunday. Pray for those people.
- 3) What is God asking you to do personally when it comes to the Make Room campaign here at Heights Church

## Make Room Mission Proposition

Pastor Craig Sweeney | March 1, 2026

*“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches.”*

**John 15:4-5 NIV**

**Thread:** You and I are meant to bear fruit.

**Jesus saw difficult times for His Church, but difficult times would produce an incredible amount of “fruit.”**

*“...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”* **John 12:24 ESV**

**Seasons to bear “fruit” would be coming for His Church not once or twice, but for years and generations to come.**

- We understand there are seasons for sowing, reaping, pruning and reaping even more.
- The early disciples understood the value of preparation. Jesus created the anticipation and it was in their hands to prepare.

**Heights Church, we have been experiencing these same seasons.**

- Over the last four years we have continued to grow in numbers and in our giving as well.
- Our giving has not kept pace with our numerical growth, but a new season of fruit bearing is still coming.

**What is pruning?**

- Its about making room for more fruit to come.

**Maturity means; We don’t just help ourselves, we help others also.**

**Challenge:**

- Commit to pray for His work in peoples lives.
- Be faithful to serve in some capacity.
- Join us in joyful giving.
- Be eager to share the hope you have in Jesus with someone else.

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Homework  
What Could Be Written About You?  
Winter 2026 | Week 8

Message Date 3/1/2026

MY STORY 

- 1) If you had to recruit three people for your “dream team” to accomplish a personal mission, who would you choose and why?
- 2) What’s the most awkward conversation you’ve ever had that actually turned out better than expected?

QUICK REVIEW 

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME 

Matthew 9:35–38 (NLT)

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

- 4) What moved Jesus towards action?
- 5) What does “harvest” suggest about the world around us?
- 6) Why does Jesus command us to pray first?