



A Missional People

LIVING A MISSIONAL
LIFE

John 20:21

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.””





John 1:14 (The Message)

“The Word
became flesh and
blood, and moved
into the
neighborhood.”



Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

What does it really require?



“If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Mark 8:34




“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26



“For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s shall save it.”

Mark 8:35



What is a missional church or people?

While it's common for people to say, "The church has a mission," a better way to talk about mission is "God's mission has a church." (Ephesians 3:7-13)

God's mission is the starting place for understanding the church and its mission. God has placed mission in the DNA of the church.

First

The Kingdom should be understood as the vibrant, active, rule of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Second

We recognize the reign and rule of God is manifested on the earth through the people of God. The goal of the Kingdom is to make things as they should be—a work in process until God brings all things to its completion. We partner with God in the advancement of his Kingdom through proclaiming and living Kingdom-shaped lives in this present age, praying for it to be “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Third

Disciple-making is a missional task. The church is called to make disciples and to equip the disciples for the mission. Both of these tasks engage in God's mission. The church is not missional if it ignores its calling to make disciples. Disciples understand and live out the gospel under the Kingdom reign and rule of Jesus, and they do so with the assurance that he is with them. Discipleship and mission interface in the "going," "making," and "obeying." The church is called to make disciples who obey the words of Jesus.

Matthew 28:18-20



Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

A in our thinking and acting

FROM

TO

Internal focus



External focus

Program driving
development



People development

Church-based
(Church at the center)



Kingdom-based
(Kingdom of God at the center)



A shift in our thinking and acting

Genesis 12:1-3



“The Lord has said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse.”

1 Peter 2:9



“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

John 3:16



For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Matthew 22:37-40



Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

John 10:10b



I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.

1 Peter 3:15



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

Matthew 5:13-15



“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a box. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

John 20:21b



“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

- People are created in the image of God, therefore they matter to God.
- God is on a mission
- God’s mission is redemptive.
- God’s mission is always being rejected in the world
- God doesn’t postpone his mission, waiting for the church to “get it”.