

SERIES: Grace Anatomy

Message: The Missional Church Is God's Plan—
How Grace Changes The World
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Memorization Verse: Acts 1:8

“A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.”
Baptist Faith & Message

“A Missional Church is a biblically faithful and culturally appropriate church to the people that it is called to reach.”
North American Mission Board

“The true Church is the only society on earth that exists for its nonmembers.” William Temple

John 20:21 “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Acts 1:1 In my former book (Gospel of Luke), Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.

JESUS OFFERED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW _____ WAS TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH THE _____.

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

JESUS OFFERED INSIGHT INTO THE _____ NEEDED TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH THE _____.

Luke 15

EVERY MEMBER MUST BE A _____.

Acts 8:4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

THOSE THE CHURCH IS TO REACH...

MUST _____ ABOUT JESUS

Acts 8:5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there.

MUST _____ A DIFFERENCE

Acts 8:6-7 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.

MUST BE _____ WITH THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Acts 8:8 So there was great joy in that city.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

1. Have you personally been transformed by the Gospel and become a member/missionary of a local church? Why or why not?
2. Are you helping the church be missional (asking what can I give) or hurting the church by being a consumer (asking what do I get)? Explain your choice.
3. Are you searching for the lost in your circle of influence? Who are they? When do you search them out? How are you showing and sharing the Gospel?
4. Are you willing to give and go beyond the borders of Bowling Green, Ky. to reach people for Christ? Why or why not?
5. How would those closest to you describe you: as a missionary or something else? Why would they describe you that way?

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