

EQUIP

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‘Global Disciples serving Christ’s Mission for the Church’

Part One: Introduction & Motivation

Acts 1 v8

Matt 28:19-20 ‘demands that **all** followers of Jesus must have a vision for worldwide mission.’

Churches who engage Globally, are equipped locally

John 10 v16 → ‘God’s Divine plan for a truly one world alliance’

Most men and women are not satisfied with the permanent output of their lives. Nothing can wholly satisfy the life of Christ within his followers except the adoption of Christ's purpose toward the world he came to redeem. Fame, pleasure and riches are but husks and ashes in contrast with the boundless and abiding joy of working with God for the fulfilment of his eternal plans. The men and women who are putting everything into Christ's undertaking are getting out of life its sweetest and most priceless rewards. (This is the testimony of virtually all the great missionaries in the history of the church. Pouring out their lives brought their lives back to them. They proved again and again the words of the Lord, "He who loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it" ([Mark 8:38](#)). In other words, joy or fullness in God grows by expanding toward others.) J Campbell Whit

Three Questions to quickly consider:

What words or ideas come to mind when asked ‘What is Mission?’

Who does Mission?

Where does Mission happen?



Part 2: Why and What of Mission?

1. Christ has people besides those already in the Church...

God has his sheep out there and he must bring them in.

2. Christ is committed to bringing his people home...

as he was sent by his Father he now sends us.

3. Christ has promised that they will come...

global disciples can trust him for the outcome.

'If everything is Mission, nothing is Mission.' Stephen Neil

'The goal of missions is the gladness of the people in the greatness of God. And if this is our aim, our passion, our joy, then discipleship must be our task... the Great Commission must be our mission.' **John Piper**

The Mission of the Church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship and obey Jesus Christ now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father. **De Young and Gilbert.**

The Church ought to be focused in the understanding of its mission. Its activities should be constrained by what helps others come to believe that the Messiah, the Son of God, is Jesus' **Andreas Kostenberger**



Part 3: The How of Mission Partnership.

How to hold the 'rope' for those who go...

Six areas to consider:

1. Praying

How can we as a Church be more effective in praying for our Mission Partners?

2. Caring

What can we be doing to demonstrate more care to our Mission partners?

3. Giving

i) Long Term...

ii) Surprising Return...

iii) Fragrant Worship...

How can we carry on the conversation about Mission and the 'M' word?

4. Suffering

In what ways are we suffering in the cause of being a Global Disciples?

5. Going

How can we help ourselves plan to 'go'?

6. Longing

What can I do in light of this evening to grow a deeper longing for those serving overseas?

Podcast: Missions Talk (9 Marks)

Website: <https://www.fromeverynation.net/> (Monthly round up of resources)

Books:

What is the Mission of the Church **de Young and Gilbert**

Salvation to the Ends of the Earth **Andreas Kostenberger**

Missions: How the local church goes global **Andy Johnson**

