



I. Purpose

II. Mission Fundamentals

Matthew 28:19-20 What

Acts 1:8 Where

Matthew 22:37-39 How

III. The Cost

Colossians 1:24-29

IV. On Mission

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

The Church has numerous important functions in the world—caring for the hurting, feeding the hungry, defending the weak, modeling & promoting righteousness, etc. Each of these important duties is in & of itself commendable, but none of them embody the core reason the Church has been commissioned—to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

The mission of the Church is to make disciples who in turn, as they are equipped, become disciple makers themselves. Jesus sent His Church to reach the whole world. He taught that love is to be the motive & means for which His people go.

Going is not easy. It is oftentimes opposed, is usually difficult, can at times be lonely & always demands personal sacrifice. Being an agent of God’s will requires that one submit personal desires & goals to the Lordship of Christ.

Going is also not automatic. It is possible to live one’s whole life as a born-again believer, a member of Jesus’ Church who never embraces the mission. Stymied, distracted & ineffective Christians are the goal of those who oppose God & seek to destroy His Church.

Are you a spectator or a participant in the mission of the Church? Have you embraced His call or are you intimidated by the cost? Are you weighing the cost in view of the tremendous blessing & reward that is promised to those who love & serve on His behalf?

Prayerfully consider your attitude toward missions. Ask God to soften your heart to the lost & perishing condition of the world. Thank God for the redemption made possible by Christ. Commit to be “On Mission” wherever He sends you in the world.