

## Mission Matters

*Marks of a Missional Church and why it Matters.*

Missional living is the adoption of the posture, thinking, behaviors, and practices of a missionary in order to engage others with the gospel message.

### 1. A Missional Church is B\_\_\_\_\_

... God's Word is the foundation

Matt. 24:35 Heaven & earth will pass away, my words will never...

### 2. A Missional Church Practices and Preaches R\_\_\_\_\_

... has a biblical view of sin

Jesus - Mark 1:15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

#### Has a high view of preaching and teaching.

Romans 10:14 (NIV) How ...can they call on the one they have not believed in? ....how can they hear without someone preaching...?

#### Calls People to turn from their former way of life

Colossians 3:7 NLT You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of ...

### 3. A Missional Church Goes into C\_\_\_\_\_

...meets people where they live

Acts 17:16 (NLT) ...Paul was waiting ...in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols...17 He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square... 18 ...had a debate with ...the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.

### 4. A Missional Church Contextualizes the G\_\_\_\_\_

...applies the gospel to everyday life

1Cor. 9:22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

### 5. A Missional Church Trains C\_\_\_\_\_ and M\_\_\_\_\_

...a sending agency

Matt. 9:38 (NLT) So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

### 6. A Missional Church Is S\_\_\_\_\_

...a faith community

Acts 2:43 (NLT) A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders

### 7. A Missional Church is C\_\_\_\_\_

...a passion to please God

Col. 3:1 (NLT) ...set your sights on the realities of heaven,...2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

#### Counter Culture Living:

1. Expresses W\_\_\_\_\_ - obeying Jesus teaching
2. Leaves L\_\_\_\_\_ of faith - for next generation
3. Provides non-believers with an alternate & attractive way to live

### 8. A Missional Church M\_\_\_\_\_

...a kingdom growth mind set

1. Plant New C\_\_\_\_\_
2. Is Willing to walk in the cultures Moccasins  
John 17: 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
3. Practices U\_\_\_\_\_
4. Help Other C\_\_\_\_\_ - prayer vs. criticism (Big Picture)

### 9. A Missional Church is a M\_\_\_\_\_

...a spirit of humility

Much of the New Testament written to churches to address either getting on or staying on task