

Why Church? | Part 4 - What is the Mission of The Church?

Message Big Idea

God created the church to carry out his mission in the world.

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10; Luke 4:18-19; 2 Timothy 2:2; John 20:21-22

Points to Keep In Mind

1. Jesus noticed Zacchaeus, called him out of the tree, and conversed with him over dinner. If the church could be the kind of community that would notice people, connect with them and call them to Jesus, that would go a long way toward living out the Jesus mission.
2. In Timothy 2:2, we see reproducing leadership to the fourth generation. The author is speaking to Timothy and encouraging him to teach others, who will go on to teach others still. That's what it means to help people grow as disciples of Jesus.
3. Regarding "Reach," we have an incredible tool called the "B.L.E.S.S." practices. B.L.E.S.S. is an acronym intended to help us imagine how we reach those far from God in five simple ways. First, the B stands for "Begin with Prayer." It's easy to be overwhelmed, but "B.L.E.S.S." reminds us to start small; begin with prayer. From there, the "L" stands for "Listen," the "E" stands for "eat," meaning sharing a meal with others, the first "S" stands for "serve" in some tangible way, and finally, the second "S" stands for "story" as your share how Jesus is making a difference in your life with someone else. When you begin using "B.L.E.S.S.," you realize that anyone in your life, no matter who they are, could be someone you are actively and intentionally reaching out to.
4. Regarding "Restore," one of the incredible resources we share across our locations is Community Cares. Community Cares is the ministry that helps organize intentional ways our church can provide relief, develop people, and pursue holistic transformation in whatever context you find yourself in.
5. Finally, one of the exciting initiatives that came out of the disruption of COVID has been the realization that our reproducing as a church family might need to look different. For our church, what that has meant, has been a new passion for equipping leaders to launch what we're calling "MicroChurches." What we love about MicroChurches is that anyone can lead them, and they can take place anywhere, especially in places and for people who otherwise might not show up on a Sunday morning to a church service. We've been running training cohorts for the past two years, and if you sense God might be nudging you to pioneer a brand-new micro church, talk to your Community Pastor.

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism/
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about YOU+ by visiting: communitychristian.org/you/