



MISSIO DEI

Missio Dei is Latin for “the mission of God”. The Bible tells us the story of God and His mission to redeem this world through Jesus. We need to give up our agendas and join God on His mission not tell God ours.

The whole Bible renders to us the story of God’s mission through God’s people in their engagement with God’s world for the sake of the whole of God’s creation.

Matthew 11:1-6

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After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

² When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^[b] are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.”



Sermon Notes

At its most basic level, a church is a collection of people who have made a commitment to follow Jesus. That’s not to say we always follow perfectly or graciously, but following Jesus with our whole lives is our goal.

We are all Students of Jesus Christ

The Greek work is for disciple is ‘**mathetes**’ which means a Learner – doer. Not just someone who acquires lot of knowledge! Disciple actually comes from the word discipline. One definition is this:

“A disciple is one who submits to the discipline of his/her teacher.”

We move from LONELINESS to COMMUNITY

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34,

The Church is God’s answer to HOPELESSNESS

If you want to travel fast, go alone.

If you want to travel far, go together.

“You and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.” Rms 1:12

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” Philippians 2:1-2



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GOD'S GOODNESS GOD'S WISDOM GOD'S KINDNESS

ROMANS 1:16-17

This is the "Christian Manifesto"; this is the clear statement of God's good news. The main theme of Romans is commitment to Christ by Faith referred to as the "propositio" meaning the theses statement. This is where Paul begins his argument on how we are to live as Christians.

MONDAY

As Christians we must 'live by faith,' what does that mean to you?

TUESDAY

Read 1 Cor. 1:22-30, what are your stumbling blocks? What is foolishness to you? How have these feelings changed as you grew in Christ?

WEDNESDAY

Ted Turner has said that "he does not need anyone to save him" why do you suppose he would think that way? Do you know people who think that way? What do you think you can do to change their minds?

THURSDAY

Have you ever had to be rescued from a terrible situation? Such as a car crash? How did it feel to be rescued? Do you feel that Christ has rescued you? Do you have that same joy that if the 'jaws of life' had to be used to cut you out of a car just before it exploded?

FRIDAY

How would you explain verse 17 to someone turned off to Christianity?

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Henri Nouwen says, "**Listen to the church.** I know that isn't a popular bit of advice at a time and in a country where the church is often seen more as an obstacle in the way than as the way to Jesus. Nevertheless, I am deeply convinced that the greatest spiritual danger for our times is the separation of Jesus from the church. The church is the body of the Lord. Without Jesus there can be no church; and without the church we cannot stay united with Jesus. **I've yet to meet anyone who has come closer to Jesus by forsaking the church.**"

To listen to the church is to listen to the Lord of the church. Specifically, this entails taking part in the church's liturgical life. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost: these seasons and feasts teach you to know Jesus better and better and unite you more and more intimately with the divine life he offers you in the church.