




# What is Church?



Missional Leadership Class  
August 12, 2020



# Leading Christ-Centered Missional Gatherings

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Zoom classes on August 12, 19 and 26

Recorded and posted to YouTube

Embracing pandemic opportunity

West Morris specific: August 30 missional gatherings



# “Start Something New”

- Share in the chat:
  - What is your reaction?
  - Why would I show this video when talking about missional gatherings & exploring what the church is?

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**The body of Christ redeemed and called by Jesus, empowered and sent out by the Holy Spirit, in order to witness to and love those created by God.**

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## What is the Church?

**Instructions:** What are the essentials of church? Decide as a group which things you would cross off as non-essential and which things you would circle as essential. It may help to consider the question using this thought process: If we didn't have \_\_\_\_\_, could we still have church? Feel free to add any essential elements you think might be missing.

Sanctuary

Choir

Baptism

Jesus

Potlucks

Evangelism

Worship Service

Hymnals

Fellowship

Children's Ministries

God

Outreach

Music

Bible

Communion

Prayer

VBS

Preacher

Holy Spirit

Mission Trips

Youth Ministry

Coffee

Offering

Singing

Sunday School

Bible Study

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## 2. *Living On Mission*

- *Kingdom Development*
- *Incarnational Presence / Sent-ness*

He became what we are  
that we might become  
what he is.

— *Athanasius*

# God is...

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**Matthew 28:19-20** - “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Acts 1:8** - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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***Ephesians 4:11-16*** - So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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***Ephesians 4:11-16 cont.*** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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**1 Peter 2:9-10** - “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

How do we make disciples &  
live on mission?

What should we do when we  
gather?

# Homework

1. Study “one-anothers” in Scripture
2. Discover your Ephesians 4 Gifting:  
<http://www.fivefoldsurvey.com/>