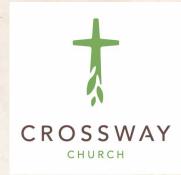
# **Apply The Word**

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Message Info

Title:

The Mission of the

Church

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**Theme**: The mission of the church is to multiply the likeness of Christ through the earth.

Introduction: Years ago, Coca-cola embarked on a mission to make Coke the most popular drink in the world, and they have been successful. However, much of the 3orld still lives without a clear gospel witness at present. So the question rises: what is the mission of the church and how do we go about fulfilling it? Genesis 1:26-28 is man's original mission statement, and it informs our mission to the world.

Here are 3 elements of the church's mission:

## 1. Made and remade like Christ

Jesus came to fulfill the mission of bearing God's image (Heb 1:3; Col 1:15) He also reconciled all things in himself (Col 1:19-20)

In his image, we are being transformed more and more (2 Cor 3:18a)

Both by demonstration and proclamation we are to show the image of Jesus.

The church has done this throughout history and it has changed the world.

## 2. Together like Christ

The Lord gives leaders for the whole church to be built up (Eph 4:11-13). Our growth is not individualistic—it's to build up the body.

The mission of the local church is to image Christ and to make disciples who will multiply that effect.

### 3. Sent like him

Jesus is the sent one (over 60 times in John's Gospel; e.g., 20:19-23; 3:17; 17:3-25).

He showed consistent compassion for the lost and a desire to see laborers sent out to reach them (Matt 9:35-37).

As we are conformed into Jesus' image, we will have a similar heart for the lost.

#### Questions:

- 1. How is God at work in and through you to magnify Christ more?
- 2. How are you seeking to build up the church?
- 3. How is the Lord calling and using you in his mission?

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