

# OUR MISSION & MEASURES

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## MAIN POINT

*Who are you reaching and who are you coaching?*

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Who was the first person that told you about Jesus? Who was the first person that taught you what it means to follow Jesus? Were these the same people?

Why does the church often separate telling people about Jesus from training people to follow Him? How are evangelism and discipleship related?

### > READ MATTHEW 5:16.

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Name the people who are in a position to observe your life on a regular basis (friends, family, coworkers). How are you letting your light shine before them? What does it mean to shine your light?

How is God the author of our good works, if we are the ones doing them?

What is the end result of our good works? Why is this goal important to remember? What happens if we forget it?

### > READ MATTHEW 22:37-39.

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Why do you think the command to love our neighbors follows Jesus' instruction to love our God?

Who are your neighbors that do not know the Lord? What would it look like to form relationships with them if you haven't already done so? How could you include them in your life?

### > READ ACTS 1:8.

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What does it mean to be Jesus' witnesses? To what are we witnesses? How can we be His witnesses today if we have never seen Him?

Where did Jesus say that we are called to be witnesses? How does this relate to our measures?

Are we witnesses if we never share about our personal experiences with Jesus? Explain.

### > READ MATTHEW 28:19.

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When Jesus commanded, "Go, therefore, and make disciples," what do you think He wanted His followers to tell others about Him? What is involved in teaching a disciple? Who is teaching you?

In what way is baptism a form of bringing someone into fellowship with the rest of your congregation?

In what ways do our church's ministries demonstrate our congregation's love for equipping those in our community? Give some specific examples.

**> READ EPHESIANS 5:1-2.**

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Have you ever thought of yourself as an "imitator of God"? How would you describe to a new believer what it means to imitate God's behavior?

Notice that the basis for our imitation is grounded in our status as children of God. What characteristics prove we are God's dearly loved children?

Just as Jesus' earthly life imitated God's love, our lives should imitate Jesus' love. What are some specific ways we can express God's love when we are betrayed, cheated, hurt, or ignored?

How would you describe the kind of love that should be a defining characteristic of life for believers?

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**> READ GALATIANS 5:22-23.**

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Look back over the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in this passage. Which element is the most difficult for you to reflect? Which comes more easily?

Why are these characteristics called "fruit"? What is the difference between "works" (Gal. 5:19) and "fruit" (Gal. 5:22)?

What impact does the fruit of the Spirit have on your relationships with others?

**> APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

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As we have discussed these measures, which part has been the most challenging for you? Where would you like to see some growth?

The Scriptures give us the example of Paul (a more mature believer) working with Timothy (a growing believer). We can all have a Paul and a Timothy. Who is that older, wiser believer you are allowing to speak into your life? On the other hand, who are you coaching to grow as a disciple?

How will you reach your circle, your neighborhood, and your world? List practical steps that you can take.