

Group Reflection Questions

1. Give your definition of missional.
2. Why is it tempting for us to separate words and deeds?
3. How might we go about “identifying a full range of human needs?”
4. What does being “baptized in the Holy Spirit mean?”
5. What are you doing to be part of the Great Commission?

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Missional

Acts 1:1-9

Alright, I’ve used this funny word “missional” before, but what does it mean? First of all, it is not a misspelling of the word mission (even though I am always capable of misspelling a word). This is a word that is used to describe the very center of the New Testament. Missional means that the church is not an end in and of itself. The task of the church is to equip the saints (that means you) so they can be sent out into the world. The church has the task of both sharing the good news of Jesus and being the good new of Jesus.

Sometimes we can want to separate these two tasks, but Jesus wants to keep them together. As we fulfill the Great Commission we are also called “to meet a full range of human needs.” Christ’s message is fulfilled in word and in deed. I believe if we bust onto the world with this kind of witness we could have an irresistible influence on the world. The early church brought good news to everyone, those who agreed with them, and those who persecuted them. How might our witness become like their’s?

