

What is the mission of the church?

The mission of the church is to be a light among the nations by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, living as the true humanity, and inviting the nations into the light.

Biblical Theology: The Story of Scripture

Class 8: Mission

“This is your mission, if you choose to accept it.”

I. Story 1: Image God in Everything

A. Creation

B. The Fall

C. Israel

D. Christ

E. The Church

F. Glory



Goal: Better understand Scripture and be shaped by its story.

Based on a core seminar from Capitol Hill Baptist Church (DC).

Resources for Further Study:

- *God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth* by G.K. Beale and Mitchell Kim (IVP)
- *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (IVP), “Mission,” by A.J. Köstenberger, pp, 663-668.

II. Story 2: Proclaim Salvation through Sacrifice

A. Creation

B. The Fall

C. Israel

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III. How Do We Put the Two Stories This Together?

A question from Matthew 5—how do the nations know who to associate with the Father in heaven?

An answer from Matthew 16, 18, and 28: the church corporate has work to do of binding/loosing through baptism.

The mission of the church

As a corporate actor → The Great Commission

As individual members → The Great Commandment

IV. What Does This Mean for You and Your Life's Mission?

A. The first step of the Christian life is to be baptized into membership in a church.

1. For identity's sake
2. For instruction's sake

B. Acting together as a church, we prioritize preaching the gospel to those on the inside and reaching the unreached on the outside.

C. Your day-to-day mission as a church member is to represent King Jesus in all of your deeds.

D. Your day-to-day mission as a church member is to represent King Jesus with your words.

E. For the sake of your mission, you need your fellow church members throughout the week, and they need you.