

5 Functions of the Church – Mission/Evangelism

Read Matthew 25:35-40, Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-8 and Isaiah 6:8

- 1) We find here The Great Commandment, The Great Commission, The Great Consecration and the Great Commitment. Try putting the thoughts together in a short sentence or phrase – can you do that in under 20 words? If you need help start with: We were created to . . .

- 2) In what sense this is the pinnacle of what each of the other functions of the church lead us toward? Is there a logical progression from worship to mission/evangelism?

- 3) Churches use the terms Mission, Outreach, Evangelism interchangeably when referring to activity outside the church – locally or abroad. Use a dictionary if that would be helpful. How are they the same? How do they differ?

- 4) Can you describe your first introduction to the term “missionary”? What did that mean to you? Was it a person, place or thing?

- 5) How has your concept of mission, missionary, and mission field changed?

- 6) In as sense we’ve been conditioned to think of mission as something monetary – that we “give to”. Or we consider it an activity that takes place in some foreign place. How does mission happen locally?

- 7) Make a list of ministry/mission organizations in the Sioux Falls area.

Rewrite your list by distinguishing those that provide food/shelter or clothing from those that provide education/health care or life skills.

- 8) Which of those ministries are following the Great Commandment – to Love Neighbor?
Which are making disciples?
Which are witnessing to the saving power of Jesus Christ?

- 9) There is no age limitation for responding to the call of God in mission/ministry. We don’t know how old Isaiah was when he said, “Here I am, send me”. If you sensed God calling you into a new form of ministry what might that be?

Spend some time praying for each other, asking the Holy Spirit to supply the gifts and energy to fulfill the hopes and dreams that are being planted in your spirit.