



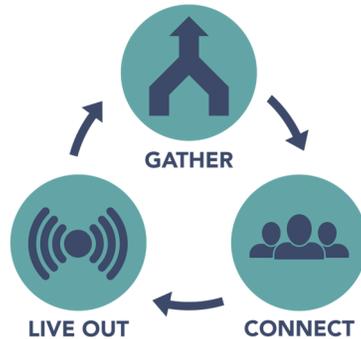
(sermon notes)

# LIVE OUT the MISSION

- Part 1 -

## Our Strategy

...for being RIVERS  
- not reservoirs



Our mission is helping people come together  
to live out the love of Jesus.

We don't \_\_\_\_ to church—we \_\_\_\_ the church.

*"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18, KJV)*

*"...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house...." (1 Pet 2:5a)*

The church is not primarily an \_\_\_\_\_.

It is a living \_\_\_\_\_—*The Body of Christ.*

*"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ....Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it." (1 Cor.12:12,27)*

*"[Christ] is also head of the body, the church...." (Col. 1:18)*

We have a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ together.

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us...." (2 Cor. 5:19)*

## We LIVE OUT the MISSION together by...

*SERVING on teams and GIVING*

*SHOWING and SHARING JESUS in our world*

### **SERVING on teams and GIVING**

To LIVE OUT our God-given MISSION as the Body of Christ, EVERY church member must be able to say...

➤ I know that \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But now God has placed the members, each one of them in the body just as He desired." (1 Cor. 12:17)*

➤ I'm convicted that the Body will not function effectively \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, 'Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?" (1 Cor. 12:14-16)*

*"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." (Eph. 4:11-12, 15-16)*

➤ I am discovering how I am "\_\_\_\_\_" to \_\_\_\_\_ as a part of the Body and I'm taking steps to live that out.

*"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly...." (Rom. 12:4-6)*

*“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them” (Eph. 2:10)*

My “SHAPE” — S \_\_\_\_\_  
H \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
P \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_

- I realize that \_\_\_\_\_ of the body and they need me as we \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; or again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’...so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.” (1 Cor 12:21, 25)*

*“...through love serve one another.”*

- I’m \_\_\_\_\_ to serve effectively and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” (Col. 3:23-24)*

*“...it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.” (1 Cor. 4:2)*

*“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” (Matt. 25:21, KJV)*

- I regularly \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ as an act of obedience and worship.

*“Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all our produce.” (Prov. 3:9)*

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...” (Mal. 3:10a)*

- I give financially because my \_\_\_\_\_ is truly invested in \_\_\_\_\_ as the Body of Christ.

*“...for where your treasure is there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6:21)*

*2 Cor. 8:3-5*

- I serve and give with \_\_\_\_\_ when I think of all the ways that God blesses me.

*“Serve the Lord with gladness.” (Ps. 100:2)*

*“...whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever.” (1 Pet 4:11)*

*“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always have all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”*

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### **REASONS WHY SOME PEOPLE DON'T SERVE OR GIVE:**

- 1) They may not feel they are needed.
- 2) They may not believe they have much to offer.
- 3) They may not know where to start.
- 4) They may not be willing to trust God with their time or their finances.
- 5) They may be burned out because they served or gave in the past for the wrong reasons.
- 6) They may would rather be served than to serve.

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*