

On Message, On Mission

Some things worth fighting for—the mission and message of the Church is one such thing. Andy mentioned the fact that the church did five things to shape his life and help him avoid unnecessary regret. And even as society transforms and technology accelerates, the church has the potential to continue informing consciences, instilling purpose, fostering generosity, serving as a window to God's activity in the world, and functioning as the context for lifelong friendships.

Getting Started

1. If you had to describe the past week in one word, which would you pick and why?

What About You?

- 2. How has the church shaped your conscience throughout your life?
- 3. What purposes drive your life? Where did they come from?
- 4. Have you ever run into a person or phenomenon that woke you up to the fact that you are not God's "main character" in the world?
- 5. What friendships has the church brought into your life? How have they affected you?



Look It Up

Matthew 22:39

- 6. What principles does this verse depend upon? What all does it imply?
- 7. Is this command compatible with natural survivalism? Capitalist success?
- 8. What effects has this command had on the world?
- 9. Where do you see Christians failing to live up to this calling?

Putting It All Together

- 10. Where in your daily routine are you treating people with less dignity than they deserve as image bearers of God?
- 11. How can you invest in your local church in order to preserve its influence for another generation?
- 12. Will you commit to financially supporting your local church so that future generations can benefit in the same way you have?
- 13. What can you do to make room to prioritize spiritual community in your life this week?

