

# The Church Launches Us

What does it mean to launch something:

## **To Launch:**

Start or set in motion

Hurl (something) forcefully

## We are Launched to Share

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

I am convinced that the greatest act of love we can ever perform for people is to tell them about God’s love for them in Christ. —Billy Graham

## Three Questions about sharing the gospel...

### 1. How do I Share the gospel?

“We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding.” - Billy Graham

Matthew 5:14-16

### 2. Why don't I share the gospel?

### 3. Who will you share the gospel with?

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## We are Launched to Serve

Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.<sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Three Questions about serving:

### 1. Why don't I serve?

Six reasons why people don't serve (according to an article in Christianity Today)

- I don't know enough
- I like my sin
- I'm scared
- I'm not worthy – 2 Corinthians 3:4-5
- I like my personal comfort
- I'm too young – 1 Timothy 4:12

2. How do I start Serving?

Understand your SHAPE for ministry

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

3. Where will you serve?

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