



Why the World Still Needs the Church

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The mission is possible because God works through His Church.

1. Our Hurting World – Needs a Healing Church

- a. Jesus does not cancel the mission because the world is broken. (Matthew 9:35-37)
- b. He commissions the Church to be His ambassador.
- c. The Church is not an outdated option.
- d. The Church is central to God's redemptive mission.
- e. Manna Church's DNA (Operational Principles - LeaderStep)

“Where has God positioned me to show compassion?”

2. The Church is the Point OP 5

- a. Jesus didn't build around the Church—He built **through** it (Matthew 16:18–19)
- b. Christ entrusted **HIS** authority to the Church ("keys of the Kingdom")
- c. We are it: There is **NO** Plan B. (Ephesians 3:10)

**Stop treating church as a spiritual service provider
and start living as a Kingdom ambassador.**

3. The Church is People, not a Building OP 6

- a. We gather in buildings—but we (**people**) are the Church. (1 Peter 2:5)
- b. Building people is our job. (Ephesians 4:11-12) (*Empowering Leadership*, 13.)
- c. The Church exists for **transformation**, not observation. (Colossians 1:28)
- d. The mission expands as people **Discover, Develop, and Deploy**. (*Empowering Leadership*, 85)

**Who is discipling me?
Who am I intentionally helping grow in Christ?**

4. The Church is a Force OP 7

- a. The Church is **Empowered** by the Holy Spirit—not human strength. (Acts 1:8)
- b. **Witness** = Presence + Proclamation.
 - **Bed**- the place where you live.
 - **Buck**- the place where you work.
 - **Burden**- The why that makes you cry.
- c. Will you count for **ZERO**?

**The Gates of hell seek to HOLD its captives -
The Church advances to LIBERATE the Oppressed.**

Reflection Questions

1. Where have I allowed disappointment with the Church to distance me from God's design?
2. How am I personally revealing Christ through my life and relationships?
3. In what ways am I growing—or stagnating—as a disciple?
4. Where do I need deeper community rather than more independence?
5. How is God inviting me to invest, serve, or lead within His Church?
6. What one practical step can I take this week to live on Mission?

