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Love. Lead. Grow.

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“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission.”

Chris Wright

Creation declares God's glory (Ps 19; Rom 1).

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. (Ps 19:1)

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Rom 1:19-20).

Jesus died for God's glory (Jn 12:27-28).

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” (Jn 12:27-28).

2. The Church exists for God's glory (1Pt 2:9-12).

⁹ But you are a *chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession*, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light ... ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. (1Pt 2:9-12).

Chosen, that we might:

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- ii. Glorify God by the way we live our lives (v. 12).**

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- i. Jesus' authority empowers us (v. 18).**
- ii. Jesus' presence sustains us (v. 20).**

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- i. Take action (go) (v. 19a).**
- ii. Share the gospel (baptize) (v. 19b).**
- iii. Help them grow (teach) (v. 20).**

Embrace the task God has given us, go and share the gospel with the world.