

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MISSIONAL

Text: Romans 1:8-15

We are called to serve others: this community and the world around us. We're called to be missionaries; we're called to be a missional church. Ref: Matthew 28:19,20

What defines a missional church? A missional church is made of missional people. That means it's made up of missionaries.

Every long term program in the church should pass the "Discipleship Test."

Can this program bring people to Jesus Christ.

Does this program teach and equip believers.

There are three things about the Apostle Paul that I want you to notice.

1. He was consumed with the desire to m_____ to others.

Developing a missional mindset means that you work with the end in mind; you have an idea of what you're trying to accomplish in your ministry. Ref: Galatians 4:19

Having a consuming desire to minister to others comes with a vision for what you want to accomplish; you work with the end in mind.

Paul was consistent in efforts of ministry because he was consumed with the idea of reaching people for Jesus Christ.

2. He was compelled by a sense of r_____. Ref: 1st Corinthians 9:16

3. He was convinced of what the g_____ could do.

The gospel -- the good news of Jesus Christ -- has the power to change lives. It is the hope of the world.

When a person -- or a church -- decides to adopt a missional lifestyle, they soon discover that it is not as easy to live as it is to talk about. Ref: 2 Corinthians 11:26-28

If you are convinced of the power of the gospel, you will experience a fresh wind of boldness in your efforts.

For Paul "the gospel" is not just a call to initial saving faith but also a call to continue in a daily walk of faith.

The fact is there must be l_____ after baptism. Ref: Romans 6:1-4; 2nd Corinthians 5:17

We are all called to walk in the newness of life as those called to a mission field.

We're all called to serve others, to minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are called to build up the church (the Body of Christ) winning and baptizing the lost, equipping the born again for mission.