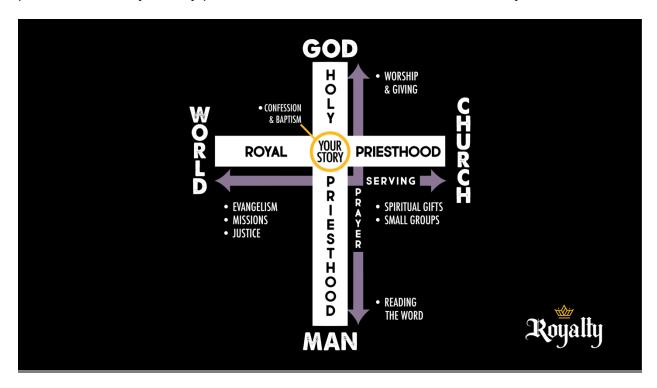


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Title: Our Mission in the World



"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you." -1 Peter 2:9



We are "God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for us" - Peter 2:9

The Church's mission is to proclaim the glory and light of God to a world that is still in darkness; and to demonstrate God's love through our actions, so that the lost may believe.

We do this through:

- Evangelism—proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Justice—helping someone receive what they cannot get on their own
- Missions—tying it all together in a cross-cultural setting

Evangelism

- Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
 -Matthew 9:37-38
- 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." -Acts 1:8

How do we Proclaim?

- Live a holy life
- Give credit and glory to God
- Tell your story
- Invite people into your experience
- Serve others in the community and beyond

"We are simply a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody." -Jim Elliott

Justice

- He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
 - Micah 6:8

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- "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to lose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the need, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?" -Isaiah 58:6-7
- "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 20:25-30

What is biblical Justice?

- Equal treatment to all
- Advocacy for widows, orphans and the oppressed
- Generosity

How do we do justice?

- Pray
- Not out of duty, out of love
- Give sacrificially of your time, talent and treasure



Missions

 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

When God's people cry out for help, God's answer is God's people.

