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Live on Mission: Rethinking Church



The church is not a building; it is people redeemed by Jesus to be His representatives in the world. The church is not just people experiencing Jesus; the church is people _____ Jesus seven days a week.

God's plan was not to empower an institution, but to empower _____ who would represent Him to a lost world.

There has been a radical relocation of the expressive presence of God.

- Stage 1: God _____ there. (2 Chronicles 7:1–2)
- Stage 2: Emmanuel—God _____ us. (Matthew 1:23)
- Stage 3: God _____ us. (John 14:16–17, Acts 2:2)

As Christians, we carry the presence of God with us, so wherever we are that is where the presence of God is active and at work. As the people who make up the church, we are God's representatives.

Rethinking Church

1. The clergy are not the only _____. Every Christ-follower is a representative of Jesus and a minister of the Gospel. (2 Corinthians 5:17–20)
2. The church building is where we gather to celebrate, but we are called to go to and _____ the love of Jesus. (John 13:34–35, 1 Peter 2:12)
3. An effective church is not about how many people are in the pews, but how many people are on _____. (1 Peter 4:10)

It is time we stop _____ church and time we start _____ the church—in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and wherever else life would take us.

Answers: expressing; people; in; with; in; ministers; demonstrate; assignment; doing, being



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