

Because We're Sent

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**Some say that Jesus is essential,
but church is optional.**

Question: When have you heard this statement?

**The church is the presence of Jesus among His people,
called out as a spiritual family,
to pursue His mission on this planet.**

Questions: What are some of the biblical descriptions of what the church is? Which do you most relate to and why?

**There are two things we cannot do alone:
one is to be married and other is to be a Christian.**
Paul Tournier

Question: What comes to mind when you think of the mission of the church?

Read John 3:16–17: Philippians 2:8

Question: What do these verses speak to about mission?

Read John 20:20–21

Question: What is the significant about this being the first statement Jesus makes to His followers after His death and resurrection?

Faith in Jesus is never private.

Questions: How would you answer the question “What’s the best things about being a Christian?” In response to research done on Vancouver Island, the number one answer was “It helps get you through tough times.” What is the limitation or misdirection of this answer?

- Jesus doesn’t send us out alone. He sends us with His Spirit and with our friends.
- The local church is the most important evangelism tool that God has given us. Read John 13:35
- When you plug into your local church you are being sent by Jesus.

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Questions: Where has Jesus “sent” you? Where is Jesus “sending” you?