

The Mission of God

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Questions: When you hear the “mission”, what comes to mind? Is it a positive or negative term to you? Why?

“Christendom” in the 4th century was the marriage of church and state. The post-Christendom world of today is the divorce of church and state.

What does it mean to join the mission of God and re-imagine it in today’s post-Christendom world?

Read Matthew 26:6-13

Before we can join the mission of Jesus, we need to understand what it is. It has to do with the kingdom of God: a way of life, community, being transformed.

Read John 3:16-17; 6:51

The mission of God is reconciling all thing to himself in Jesus.

Read Philippians 3:10-11

Question: What do these verse and the actions of this women with Jesus have to do with each other?

**By suffering, Christ redeems suffering.
Suffering is an agent for transformation.**

Questions: How has suffering that you’ve experienced changed you? How have you seen it change others?

Jesus did a lot of things to lift humanity out of poverty. The mission of Jesus includes this but goes to the point of radical transformation through his sacrifice of his life.

Read again Matthew 26:10-12

Question: What does Jesus’ response say about humanitarian aid and the mission of God? How does suffering bring us to intimacy and connection with Jesus?

Jesus went into the house of Simon the Leper.

Questions: Who are today’s lepers? How is Jesus found with them today?

Philippians 3:10-11 is a five-point prayer we can pray.

Question: What are these 5 points?

The church is not a place for perfect people, and nothing hinders mission more than self-righteous Christians who parade their good deeds and lifestyles.
Ross Hastings in “Missional God, Missional Church”

Questions: How is the response of the disciples a warning to us? What does it look like for you to be like the woman in this story?