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The Starting Point

1. The gospel story demands that it destroys all other rival narratives that have been formed in your life.
2. The central theme of the story is God and his activity and purpose in renewing the entire creation.
3. The central theme is **Jesus and the Good News** (gospel) that he is and brings.



4. Jesus works out these redemptive purposes "by choosing people to be his agents of announcement to the world where history is going."
5. Jesus is **beginning a new, chosen community** that has been birthed from the continuous community already established.



What is the Mission of the Church?

Mission refers to something or someone who is sent out with a task.

Church refers to the assembly.



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The Danger of No Definition

1. We can create **non-negotiables** that should simply be healthy considerations.
2. We can become **more concerned and excited** about renewing the city as opposed to disciple-making.



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3. We can believe that all activities that are of some good have **equivalent importance**.
4. We can feel **burdened or guilty** because we believe we are not doing “enough” or serving “enough.”



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Priority becomes a non-issue if:

1. God didn't define the mission
2. We had unlimited time
3. We had unlimited resources

Gaining clarity on The Mission is ultimately about what is **most important**



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Bring glory to God by making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that the world may worship and enjoy Jesus.



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Why focus on the Great Commission?

1. Our mission should be **grounded** in the commands Christ.
2. If Jesus is the Lord of the church, we should take his commands **alone**.



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3. These commissions are Jesus' **final commands** on Earth.

Mark 13:10, 14:9

Luke 24:44-49

John 20:21

Acts 1:8

4. The placement of the commissions suggests **great importance**.



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WHO? Those who call Jesus Lord

WHAT? Making Disciples

WHEN? From Pentecost until Jesus returns

WHERE? To be accomplished throughout the world

WHY? Because it is rooted in Christ's authority

HOW? Going/Teaching/Baptizing by the Spirit



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Next steps for MACC

WHAT? 16 MACC Groups (8 currently)

HOW? Neighboring, Momentum, CDC, MACC Groups

WHO? 40 disciples from this 48214 community
10 disciples from our friends
10 disciples from our families
10 disciples from our co-workers
10 disciples from our networks
10 disciples from MACC's reputation



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WHEN? By end of 2014

WHERE? In the 48214 Community

WHY? Because it is our mission!



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THE RESULT

More gospel influence in our community, which ultimately glorifies God more.



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What will hinder us?

- **Double-minded** priorities
- **Failing to own** the Vision that leads to the Mission



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