

What is the Mission of the Church?

Key Question:
What exactly should the Church of Jesus Christ be doing in the world?

Two Essential Passages

John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

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Matthew 28: 19 "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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

From these two passages we can discern the three most important things that the church must be doing.

**To Know
Jesus Christ**

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**To Become
His Disciple**

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**To Make
Disciples**

- To receive Him as Lord & Savior.
- To love Him above all else.
- To confess Him publicly with boldness & courage.

- To make His priorities ours!
- To let His attitudes and behavior affect our life.
- To serve Him serving others.

- To invite others to know Jesus.
- To walk with them in faith and help them grow.
- To teach them to love and reach others for Jesus.

What about good works, serving the poor, feeding the hungry, standing for justice, showing mercy?



Good works are all the results, outcome, by-product of Knowing Jesus, Becoming His Disciple, and Making Disciples. Like a train these three aspects of the Church's mission are the engine while the good works are the box cars. The power is in doing the mission which enable the rest.