



The Church

Mission Minded

Key Scripture:

Ephesians 1:21 Message
The church is Christ's body,
in which He speaks and acts, by which He fills everything with His presence.

Mission Finished

John 19:28-30 NLT

28 **Jesus knew that His mission was now finished**, and to fulfill Scripture He said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to His lips. 30 When Jesus had tasted it, He said, "It is finished!" Then He bowed His head and released His spirit.

Why are we not more mission minded?

✓ We think **our** mission is finished.

Philippians 1:5 NLT

5 for you have been **my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ** from the time you first heard it until now. 6 And I am certain that **God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**

✓ We forget **who** Jesus died on the cross for.

Acts 2:38-39 NIV

38 Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you**, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 **The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off** — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

✓ We disregard our **part** in the mission.

John 17:18 Message

In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world.

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Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "**The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.** 38 **Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.**"

1. **Contemplate** those in the crowd.

"when He saw the multitudes"

Matthew 8:1-3 NLT

1 Large crowds followed Jesus as He came down the mountainside. 2 Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached Him and knelt before Him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." 3 Jesus reached out and touched him. "**I am willing,**" He said. "**Be healed!**" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

2. **Compelled** by compassion.

"He was moved with compassion for them"

1 Corinthians 9:16 NLT

Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. **I am compelled by God to do it.** How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!

3. **Concerned** enough to connect them to Christ.

"because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

Psalms 142:5 NIV

Look to my right and see; **no one is concerned for me.**
have no refuge; **no one cares for my life.**

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