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Title: The Mission of the Church
Text: Acts 1:1-8

Before we can determine the mission of the Church we need to know what is meant by Church.

Matthew 16:18-19 - ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

EKKLESIA (church), "call into an assembly by a higher authority."

THE MISSION OF CHRIST

Luke 19:10 - For the son of man has come to seek and save that which is lost.

- He used Miraculous works to prove who He was. He "began to do (ver. 1).
- He used Teaching and preaching reveal His plan to save the world. He began both to do and teach (ver. 1).
- He died on the Cross to save us from sin. The story of his passion (ver. 3).
- He arose from the dead to prove His power to save us.

OUR MISSION AS THE CHURCH

- To look expectantly as we spread the Gospel
We too are to wait for the promise of the Father (ver. 4)
- To receive gratefully the Holy Spirit when we are saved
shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost (ver. 5, and see ver. 8)
- To submit cheerfully to the Lord's command to go.
Our Lord says to us, "It is not for you to know" (ver. 7-8)
- To testify(witness) faithfully of Jesus to the entire world
you shall be my witnesses (ver. 8)
- To teach, preach, make disciples and baptize

Matthew 28:19-20 - ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."