

# MISSIONAL CHURCH

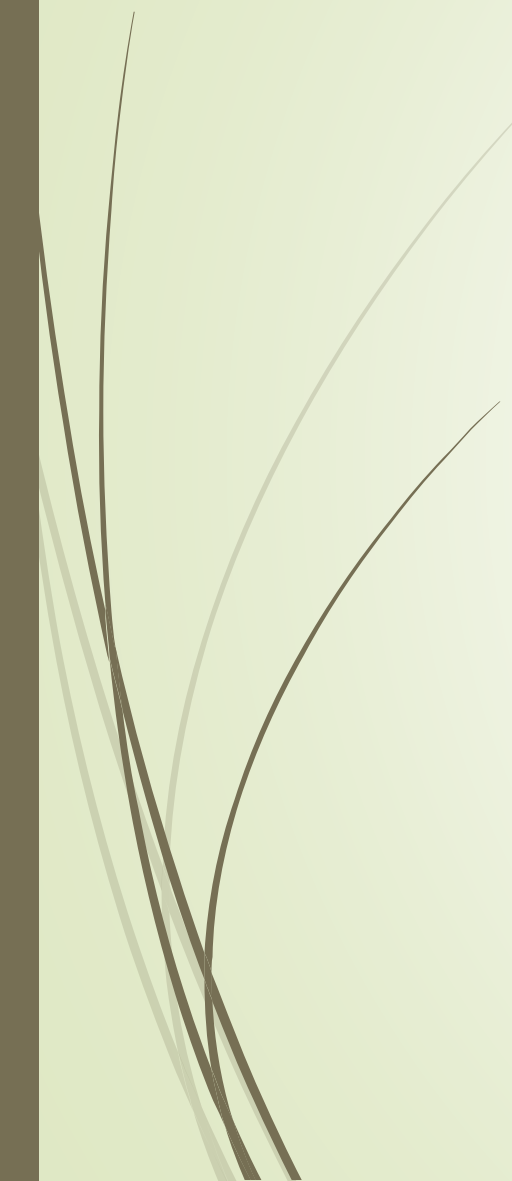
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# ORIGINAL IDEA OF BEING CHURCH

A gathering of Jesus' Disciples for purposes of making Disciples who would in turn make Disciples for the extension of God's Kingdom.





# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

Missional church regards both the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) & the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:36-40) to be of equal value in its calling



# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

Its “Evangelistic mandate” intrinsically links evangelism and discipleship.

The process is:

- Evangelize,
- Disciple &
- Commission



# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

Through its “Social & Cultural mandate” it seeks to be the salt of the earth & the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-14)

This is done through:

- Its prophetic voice,
- Pastoral care to the “wounded” &
- Transformation activities



# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

In a missional church, all members are called to be “missionaries”

This requires paradigm shift at two levels:

Pastoral level: A shift from shepherding to coaching

Membership level: A shift from ‘consumer’ to ‘dispenser’ of Gospel ‘commodities’

# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

- In a Missional Church every Christian is sent into the world to continue that which He came to do, -in the power of the same Spirit, reconciling people to God.” [Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989, 230.]





# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

A missional church, has emphasis on the external focus rather than on internal focus:

- Although internal focus is not negated missional church exists for others
- To be missional means to be sent into the world -and not to expect people to come to us.



# WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH?

- The missional church is a community of God's people that defines itself, & organizes its life around, its real purpose of being an agent of God's mission to the world.



# AFM'S CALLING (DNA)

- The AFM's calling is to be missional
- In its early years ordinary Spirit filled members were powerful witnesses leading others to Christ
- This calling is embedded in its name; "Apostolic & Mission".
- Both concepts have to do with being sent



# AFM'S CALLING (DNA)

- More than ever before AFM has a potential of reaching the whole world through its members
- In some countries where we come from, e.g. South Africa, the world has come to our door-steps (through migration patterns & movements of people).
- The world & Samaria are in Judea & Jerusalem



## BEING SENT:

- “Missionality” is a Christian term that describes a missional lifestyle.
- It includes embracing the posture, the thinking, behaviours, & practices of a sent-out person
- All church members should be involved in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) & be driven by the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)

# BEING SENT:

Two quotes from Dave DeVries (*Missional challenge. Aligning Every Believer With the Mission of Jesus*)

- Every Christian is called by Jesus to be “Jesus” to everyone everywhere.”
- Missional Living is all about aligning your heart with Jesus' missionary heart.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Make everybody an agent of the Gospel.
- Every member of the AFM must become a missionary
- Every congregation of the AFM must become missional
- Every structure and Departments of the AFM must become Missional

# THREE CRITICAL SHIFTS: R. McNeal

1<sup>st</sup> Shift: From an Internal to an External Ministry Focus through transitioning:

- From Church-centric to Kingdom focus
- From Attractional to Incarnational
- From Proclamation to Demonstration
- From Member culture to Missionary culture
- From Congregations to Missional communities



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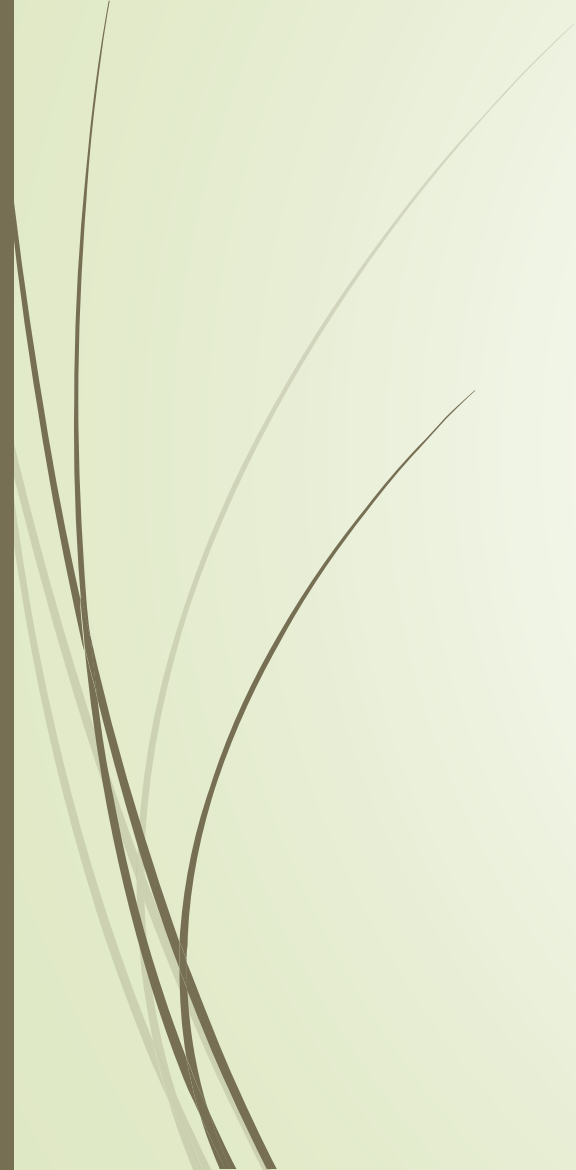
2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: From Program Development to People Development by moving from

- Curriculum-Centered Development to Life-Centered Development
- Standardized (template) to customized spiritual development approach
- Shepherding to Coaching

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift: From Church-Based to Kingdom-Based Leadership

- From Church Job to Kingdom Assignment
- From an Institutional Representative to Viral Agent
- From Director to Producer
- From Reliving the Past (the Historian) to Rearranging the Future (the Journalist)



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