



— Christ Sends His People Into the World as Witnesses of His Kingdom —

SESSION AIM

Help teachers and group leaders explain the church's participation in Christ's mission, how worship and mission belong together, and how believers bear witness through proclamation, holiness, mercy, and faithful presence.

BIG IDEA

The church is gathered by Christ and sent by Christ. Through worship, discipleship, proclamation, holiness, service, and love, the church bears witness to the Gospel and visibly represents Christ's Kingdom in the world.

WHAT THIS SESSION BUILDS UPON

From Leader Sheets 1-14:

- The church belongs to Christ.
- Worship forms believers.
- Covenant life strengthens witness.
- The church visibly represents Christ's Kingdom.
- Unity and holiness support Gospel testimony.

This Session Expands:

- The mission of the church.
- Gospel proclamation.
- Witness through word and life.
- Faithful presence in the world.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- 1 Peter 2:9-12
- John 20:21
- Colossians 3:17

PRINCIPLE

The church exists not only to preserve itself, but to participate in the mission of Christ in the world as His witnesses.

RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- Worship → Formation → Mission
- Embassy of the Kingdom
- The Church and the World
- The Gathered Church
- The Church and the Mission of Christ

TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

1 BEGIN WITH THE GREAT COMMISSION

- Christ gives all authority.
- He sends His church.
- Make disciples and teach all nations.

USE THIS:
Matthew 28:18-20
Articles
Visuals
Key Passages

KEY EMPHASIS: The mission belongs to Christ.

2 TEACH THE CHURCH AS A WITNESSING PEOPLE

- Proclaim the Gospel.
- Make disciples.
- Show mercy and serve others.
- Live holy and bear witness.

USE THIS:
Articles
Visuals
Examples
Key Passages

KEY EMPHASIS: The church bears witness together.

3 CONNECT MISSION TO WORSHIP AND FORMATION

- Worship shapes our hearts.
- Discipleship strengthens witness.
- Holiness supports proclamation.
- Mission flows from God-centered life.

USE THIS:
Romans 12:1-2
Articles
Visuals
Key Passages

KEY EMPHASIS: Worship forms a witnessing people.

4 ADDRESS MODERN DISTORTIONS

- Activist reductionism.
- Consumer Christianity.
- Political captivity.
- Inward-focused church culture.
- Entertainment-driven ministry.

USE THIS:
Discussion Starters
Articles
Examples

KEY EMPHASIS: The church must not lose Gospel centrality.

5 SHOW HOW ORDINARY FAITHFULNESS SUPPORTS MISSION

- Hospitality opens doors.
- Love for neighbors bears witness.
- Integrity in work and daily life matters.
- Prayer, generosity, and service participate in God's mission.

USE THIS:
Articles
Visuals
Examples
Stories

KEY EMPHASIS: Mission includes faithful everyday life under Christ.

6 APPLY PRACTICALLY

- Share the Gospel faithfully.
- Practice hospitality and service.
- Engage in discipleship.
- Pray and look for opportunities.
- Live as witnesses of Christ's Kingdom.

USE THIS:
Application Ideas
Handouts
Examples

KEY EMPHASIS: Every believer participates in Christ's mission.

KEY EMPHASES

CHRIST SENDS HIS CHURCH

Mission flows from His authority and reign.

THE CHURCH BEARS WITNESS TOGETHER

The mission belongs to the covenant people of God.

WORSHIP AND MISSION BELONG TOGETHER

Gathered worship strengthens faithful witness.

HOLINESS SUPPORTS PROCLAMATION

The church visibly displays the Gospel.

EVERYDAY FAITHFULNESS MATTERS

Believers bear witness through ordinary life under Christ.

COMMON CONFUSIONS

- "Mission only means evangelistic events."**
Biblical mission includes proclamation, discipleship, holiness, and faithful witness.
- "Mission replaces worship."**
Mission flows from worship and covenant life.
- "Only pastors or missionaries participate in mission."**
Every believer bears witness to Christ.
- "The church exists mainly to preserve itself."**
Christ sends His people outward as witnesses.
- "Mission is mainly political activism."**
The church's mission centers on Christ's Kingdom and Gospel proclamation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why does the church's mission belong to Christ?
- How do worship and mission strengthen each other?
- What dangers arise when mission is disconnected from discipleship?
- How can ordinary believers participate in Gospel witness?
- Why does holiness strengthen mission?
- How can churches remain mission-focused without becoming activist-driven?

APPLICATION FOCUS

- Share the Gospel faithfully.
- Practice hospitality and neighbor love.
- Live visibly under Christ's reign.
- Participate in discipleship and service.
- Pray for opportunities to bear witness.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for boldness in Gospel witness.
- Pray for faithfulness in discipleship.
- Pray for wisdom and compassion.
- Pray for Christ-centered mission.
- Pray for the advance of Christ's Kingdom.