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THE CHURCH EXPLORED

YOUTH SERIES

10. THE CHURCH AND THE MISSION OF JESUS

Why The Church Exists In The World

CORE TEACHING

1 JESUS GAVE THE CHURCH A MISSION Matthew 28:18-20

Before returning to heaven, Jesus commanded His followers to:

- go
- make disciples
- teach
- and proclaim the Gospel.

The church does not exist merely:

- to survive
- entertain
- or stay comfortable.

The church exists to continue:

Christ's mission in the world.

➤ **Emphasize:** Every believer participates in Jesus' mission.



2 THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS Romans 10:13-15

The Gospel is the message that:

- Jesus died for sinners
- rose again
- reigns as Lord
- and offers forgiveness and life through faith in Him.

Christians share the Gospel because:

people need Christ.

➤ **Emphasize:** Evangelism is sharing hope, not winning arguments.



3 THE CHURCH REPRESENTS JESUS VISIBLY Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus calls believers the light of the world.

The church should visibly reflect:

- truth
- holiness
- compassion
- mercy
- love
- faithfulness

➤ **Emphasize:** People should see something different in Christ's people.



4 EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN PARTICIPATE IN MISSION Acts 1:8

Mission is not limited to:

- pastors
- missionaries
- public speakers.

Believers participate through:



➤ **Emphasize:** Students can meaningfully participate in Christ's mission now.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Guide your group to think deeper.

1 Why do people naturally share things they care about?

Follow-up: What makes something feel worth sharing?

2 Why can sharing faith sometimes feel intimidating?

Follow-up: What fears do people often have?

3 What does it mean to represent Jesus visibly?

Follow-up: What kinds of behavior help or hurt Christian witness?

4 How can students participate in Christ's mission right now?

Follow-up: What opportunities already exist around you?

5 Why do truth and love need to stay together?

Follow-up: What happens when one is separated from the other?



DISCUSSION TIP: Avoid creating pressure, fear, or performance anxiety.

Focus on faithful witness flowing from love for Christ and people.

Students should leave understanding: mission is part of normal Christian life.

REAL LIFE CONNECTION

Modern culture often encourages people to:

- keep faith private
- avoid difficult conversations
- or treat Christianity as merely personal.

But Jesus calls believers to

visibly represent Him in the world.

Mission happens:



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Challenge students to intentionally:

- ☑ encourage someone spiritually
- ☑ invite someone to church
- ☑ pray for someone openly
- ☑ share their testimony
- ☑ or start a faith conversation this week

★ **Ask:** "How can I reflect and share Christ this week?"

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Father for sending Jesus into the world. Ask the Spirit to help students grow in courage, compassion, wisdom, faithfulness, and love as they represent Christ to others.



LEADER NOTES

- ✓ Keep the tone invitational, not guilt-driven.
- ✓ Emphasize love alongside truth.
- ✓ Encourage everyday faithfulness.
- ✓ Avoid treating mission as personality-based.
- ✓ Keep pointing students toward Christ's compassion for people.

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Encourage thoughtful discussion
- ✓ Keep the tone hopeful and invitational
- ✓ Connect mission to everyday life
- ✓ Emphasize both truth and love
- ✓ Point students toward Christ's compassion



The church exists to make Christ known.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20