

#### September 6, 2020

"The Science of the Church" | John 17:6-19

During Christendom it was assumed that the mission of the kingdom of God was complete. Therefore, all that was left to do was worship. However, we are now in a post-Christian world so we need to recapture the missional direction of the church.

#### **September 13, 2020**

"The Action of the Church" | Acts 3:11-26

Too often we put the activity of the church into an "either/or" situation. Either we preach the gospel of Jesus or we care for the poor and the marginalized. But, when we properly understand the nature of the kingdom of God we recognize that it is not "either/or," but "both/and."

# **September 20, 2020**

"The Purpose of the Church" | Ephesians 3:7-13

How is a world that has rejected God supposed to know God? The church is God's icon. Through the church the world receives a taste of the kingdom of God. This is what it means to recover the image of God. It is also why we cannot hide our light underneath a bowl.

## **September 27, 2020**

"The Church As Outpost" | Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8

In Christendom it was assumed that Jesus resided inside the church building. If people wanted to encounter the holy they should go to the church. In post-Christian society Jesus goes ahead of the church into the world. The task of the church becomes a signpost to the presence of the kingdom of God in the midst of the world.

#### October 4, 2020

"The Church As Healer" | Matthew 9:35-38

What is service to God? Often the evangelical church equates serving in the church with service to God. This is certainly one way to serve God, but ultimately it can slide into running an organization. Service to God should be our daily encounter between our faith and the life of the people in our lives.

# October 11, 2020

"The Church As Martyr" | Acts 4:23-31

Fear can hold us back from stepping out of our churches and homes with the good news of the kingdom. Prayer and the Spirit are key to us taking up our missional calling.