

Series: Exploring the Missional Church

As the church in the 21st century leaves Christendom (idea of a Christian state with the church in a position of power), we continue to wrestle with questions of how we are to move forward. Who are we to be? What are we to be? How are we to be? What is our purpose?

One important writer on this topic was Lesslie Newbigin, a former missionary to India who came home to England and found a different country than he left (post-Christendom) and that he needed to engage his missionary methods in order to share the gospel with a post-Christian culture.

Newbigin's work has come across to North America through a group called 'The Gospel and Our Culture', particularly their seminal work *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*.

These authors, along with others, have helped the church in North America to remember that at the heart of God is mission, thus at the heart of the church is mission. As Christopher Wright in *The Mission of God* has said, "God does not have a mission for his Church; He has a Church for His mission."

This Missional Church sermon series will explore this theme in order to answer the questions that the church in North America and we at Northview are wrestling with: Who are we to be? What are we to be? How are we to be? What is our purpose?

SUNDAY	TOPIC	TEXT	PREACHER
April 12, 2015	Missional God, Missional Church	John 20:19-23	David Schuchardt
April 19, 2015	Missional People	Ephesians 4:7-13	David Schuchardt
April 26, 2015	Mission in Body: Embody	Ephesians 2:11-22	Communion David Schuchardt
May 3, 2015	Mission in Word: Herald	Romans 10:5-15 OR 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Jared Siebert
May 10, 2015	Mission in Deed: Foretaste	Mathew 25:31-46	David Schuchardt
May 17, 2015	Scope of Mission: Everything	Romans 8:18-22	Ed Smith