

Northview's Mission

Our mission is to embody Jesus in our neighbourhoods

October 17, 2021 | 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

"Welcome to Northview Community Mission"

What if somewhere along the way the church lost sight of what it is to be about? In North America most churches centre their energy and focus around a one hour worship service. Buildings, staff, budgets, and programs are built around that one hour per week. Without a doubt God has used that! Lives have been changed and people have made the confession that Jesus is Lord! However, the pages of Scripture offer us a different picture of what the church is to be about—Mission. God has made his church for mission and worship is birthed out of that activity. So, for this series we'll have an unofficial name change: welcome to Northview Community Mission! What will we look like if that is who we are?

October 24, 2021 | Acts 1:4–8

"Mission Direction"

When we hear the word "mission" we often think of the work missionaries do over seas. This is vital work and, following Jesus's direction, we should be engaged globally in mission. However, some of the assumption behind that model is that our own country is Christian. It isn't. Our own neighbourhoods need the light of Christ too. So mission is both local and global. But the model can also point us to a social reality. Our mission is to those most like us to those least like us. If we are doing that in our neighbourhoods who would we be extending the kingdom to?

October 31, 2021 | Luke 10:1–12; 24:46–49 (Reformation Sunday)

"Dust Shakers"

What does it mean for Northview to embody Jesus in the neighbourhoods of Argyle Park, Englewood and Hawkstone? Quite simply we are to do what Jesus did in his neighbourhoods in the same character that he did it in. We are to announce that the kingdom of God has come and it is open to everyone—we are heralds and inviters. We are also to demonstrate the presence the kingdom by healing the sick, expelling demons, causing the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and to raise the dead. We are to care for the poor, the orphans, and the widows. Not everyone will be interested in the kingdom, that's alright we just keep announcing, inviting, caring and healing.

November 7, 2021 | 1 John 4:13–21 (All Saints Sunday)

"Embody Jesus Through Love" (Dennis Camplin)

As we become active participants in our corporate mission, we may wonder, "Who am I?" and "How can I embody Jesus in my neighbourhood?" Looking for practical answers, today we discover that dynamic godly love is both the source and means of seeing God's reconciling mission happening in our time and place!

November 14, 2021 | Luke 10:25–37

"Won't You Be My Neighbour?"

Who is my neighbour can be an important question to begin the process of embodying Jesus. However, it can also be a defence mechanism. If we define our boundaries then we can place people on the outside of our embodiment of the kingdom. But, Jesus won't let us do that. Like everything else, he flips things on its head, including the question. Which was a neighbour to the one in need of a neighbour? Instead of a way out, Jesus looks for a way in. If we are going to embody Jesus then we must see all in need of him and us.

November 21, 2021 | Romans 12:9–21 (Christ the King Sunday)

"Be A Good Neighbour"

Technology has changed the way we live. It has had positive effects, but it has also had negative effects. We are the most connected we have ever been and we are the most lonely we have ever been. Once upon a time neighbours depended on each other and were there for each other. Now, we are lucky if we know the names of the people living right next door. But, the call on us is simple mourn with those who mourn and celebrate with those who celebrate. We can each recover what it means to be a good neighbour.