

Reading the Bible as a Missionary Document

Mission in the Way of Jesus Christ: Discipleship is the test of missionary faithfulness.

Mission=Sending

Mission of God=The sending activity of God (See John 20:21)

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Is. 49:6 I will make you a light to the Gentiles

Genesis 10 The Table of Nations

Genesis 12: 1-3 Calling of Abraham, beginning of Israel's call (See Romans 4:13, promises through Abraham by faith)

Genesis 14:18; Exodus 18; Numbers 22-24; Joshua 2 (Israel's openness)

Exodus 19: 3-6

Isaiah 52: 13 through chapter 53

Jonah

New Testament

Matthew and Discipleship

Matthew 10: 5-24 (Jesus' Mission discourse)

Matthew 21: 33-43

Matthew 28: 16-20 (The Great Commission)

John and Unity with Christ through Relationship

John 4 Samaritan woman

John 13: 34-35 ("Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.")

John 15 (Vine and branches; abide in the vine)

John 17: 20-23 (...become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me.")

John 21: 15-17 (Beach breakfast and disciples told to "feed my sheep.")

Luke/Acts Salvation to the World

Luke 4: 16-21 Jesus announces the Kingdom of God

Luke 24: 44-49 Apostolic mission

Acts 8: 26-40 Conversion of Ethiopian eunuch

Acts 10 Universal mission, conversion of the Gentiles

Mission of Paul

Galatians 1: 11-17

Romans 3: 29-30

I Corinthians 1: 18, 23-24, Romans 10:12

I Corinthians 15:14

Romans 10: 13-15

Acts 18:14

Philippians 1: 12-14

Acts 17: 22-28

Images of the Church and Images of Mission in the New Testament

Image of Church	Image of Mission	Dominant Theology	Goal	Texts
Community of Disciples sent into world	Urgent itinerant proclamation of the gospel to the world	God as sovereign, Christ triumphant, Savior of the world, apocalyptic view of the world	To convert and save	Rom. 15: 14-21, Mark 13, Mat. 28: 16-20, early charismatic's, Paul
Community of visible witness through faith and virtue	Personal and communal witness leading to persuasion, challenge, conversion	God as holy and sanctifying, Christ as prophet and teacher	To inspire, challenge and transform	I Peter, Revelation, Acts 2-4, John 13-15
Community of healing and reconciliation	Proclamation of gospel of healing and forgiveness	God as unifying and healing/saving, eschatological	To build community, reconcile, unite	Mt. 18, Luke 15, John 17, Eph. 2, Luke 4, Mark 3,6

Overarching Dynamics

Identity/Outreach
 Election/To the nations
 Community/World
 One/Many