

'Ready, steady, grow!'

MISSION

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Romans 10:13-17

¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"...¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- the purpose of the church ¹

SALVATION

- Jesus came as the Saviour ²

- people need to be saved ³

¹ Matthew 28:18-20

² 1 John 4:14; Luke 2:11; Matthew 1:21; John 4:42; 2 Timothy 1:10

³ Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 10:1; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:16;

- the church is here to save lives

PROCLAMATION

- salvation is through hearing and believing the gospel ⁴

- the gospel is about Jesus' death and resurrection ⁵

- the church is here to proclaim the gospel ⁶



Discussion questions

'The church's core business is salvation through proclamation' – do you agree? How do you think we could do this more effectively?

⁴ Luke 24:47; Mark 13:10; Romans 10:13-17; 1:18-32; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 10:1-11:18;

⁵ Romans 1:16

⁶ Acts 6:7