# **CHURCH ON MISSION**

## Two church family roles:

## Church: Family of people who are seeking God together

Acts 2:42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper<sup>[a]</sup>), and to prayer. NLT

a. 2:42 Greek the breaking of bread; also in 2:46.

## Church: Family of people who are on a mission together

#### **Big picture of New Testament**

#### Jesus came.

Luke 4:43 But [Jesus] replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." NLT

## Jesus died for our sins.

1 Peter 3:18 Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. NLT

#### Jesus was resurrected.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup>He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. NLT

#### Jesus shared a message for 40 days.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV84/11

#### Jesus ascended.

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," [the angels] said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!" NLT

## The Holy Spirit confirmed and empowered (Acts).

Hebrews 2:4 And God <u>confirmed</u> the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose. NLT

Acts 1:8 But you will receive <u>power</u> when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NLT

The believers lived on mission.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. NLT

1 Peter 2:9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. NLT

#### Advance of gospel in the early church

- Acts 1:8 Prediction of Spirit empowering to spread gospel
- Acts 1:15 120 believers in Jerusalem
- Acts 6:7 Numbers multiplied greatly
- Acts 8:1 Non-apostles spread gospel
- Acts 17:6 Accused of causing trouble all over the world
- Acts 19:10 All in Asia hear the Word

# **Pray for each other!**

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. NIV

Requests:

- Fill out 3 cards. (Can be 3 different requests or 3 that are the same)
- On your card: Name and prayer request
- Make requests relevant to this group.
- Make your requests G-Rated.

Prayers:

- Pick up 3 cards.
- Pray for them every day for at least 40 days.
- Let the person know you are praying for him/her

# Pray for those who need Jesus.

# Pray for the Franklin Graham tour to 10 borderland cities.

Pray for Franklin Graham.

Pray for the volunteers.

Pray for salvations.

Pray for follow-up / disciples.

Pray for Presidio (March 2 @ Hernandez Stadium).

Pray for courage and help.

Ephesians 6:19 And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. NLT Pray at 3:16.

# Practice

Put up a yard sign. Put up a poster. Share on social media. Can volunteer in other capacities (register online).

Invite/pass out flyers:

- Neighborhood
- Friends
- Acquaintances
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Attend and bring someone.