

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 10:30 am

## **THREE HATS**

What is a missional church? Although the phrase, “missional church”, is a recent phrase, the early church was always missional. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul outlines 2 aspects of what it means to be MISSIONAL.

I F\_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 3:6, 14-20

First of all, a missional church is a group of B\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2: 8-9) who live and experience life together like a family. They see God as their F\_\_\_\_\_ because of their faith in the P\_\_\_\_\_ and W\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. They have experienced something in common, a common strand in their DNA, namely: R\_\_\_\_\_, brought about by the Holy Spirit. This means they have and know of a divine L\_\_\_\_\_ that leads them to love one another as brothers and sisters. They T\_\_\_\_\_ one another as children of God, deeply loved by the Father in everything. They share their time, money, resources, needs, hurts, and successes. They K\_\_\_\_\_ each other well. This knowledge includes knowing each other’s stories and knowing one another’s strengths and S\_\_\_\_\_ in regard to belief in the gospel and its application to all of life.

### **Other scriptures to read this week:**

John 1:11-13; Ephesians 5: 1-2; Acts 2: 42; Romans 12: 10-16

II M\_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 3: 7-13 – **The 4 “R’s”**

God’s family is S\_\_\_\_\_, like the Son, by the Spirit, to proclaim the good news of the kingdom (ie.the Gospel), and in so doing, to fulfill the commission of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. A missional church is made up of Spirit-led and Spirit-filled people who R\_\_\_\_\_. R\_\_\_\_\_ their lives together for the mission of evangelizing and making disciples. This means that people’s R\_\_\_\_\_ and decisions are now collectively built around R\_\_\_\_\_ people together.

### **Other scriptures to read this week:**

Matthew 28: 18-20; Matthew 3: 16-4:1; John 20:21; Acts 1:8

III S\_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 3: 1-3; 4: 1-3

Jesus is L\_\_\_\_\_ and we are his servants. A missional church S\_\_\_\_\_ those around them as though they are serving Jesus. In so doing, they are given a foretaste of what life will be like under the R\_\_\_\_\_ and reign of Jesus Christ. (“The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it {the New Jerusalem} and His *servants* will worship Him.” – Revelation 22:3)

Living as servants – serving others as Christ served – presents a tangible witness to Jesus’ kingdom and to the power of the gospel to change lives. A missional church serves in such a way that it demands a gospel explanation, because people see the lives of believers that cannot be explained in any other way than by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Other scriptures to read this week:**

Matthew 20: 25-28; John 13: 1-7; Philippians 2: 5-11; I Peter 2:16

From where do we get the strength to wear these 3 hats?

Ephesians 3: 20-21 - <sup>20</sup> **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,** <sup>21</sup> **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Questions to think about**

**Family** – If we are to truly relate as a family, what do healthy families do?

- \* Are we doing those things?
- \* Are there things we could do to foster closer family ties?

**Missionaries** – A missionary is someone who is SENT, and we are God’s sent people.

- \* Where or to whom do you feel God is sending you?
- \* To whom might God be sending our church?

**Servants** – Paul often calls himself a servant of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:1)

- \* What qualities must a loyal servant have?
- \* Which of these qualities should we be working on as a church?