



**Unpacking the Mission
September 13, 2020
Sermon Discussion Guide**

This message looks at the mission of the church, where it began, who gave it, and what it is! There are basically four components to this message. The first takes a look at how the mission of the church finds its origins in the mission of Jesus Himself. A brief look through the eyes of some of the disciples, right after the resurrection, helps us understand the mission of Jesus. The second component looks at Jesus being the progenitor or the one who originated the mission of the church and how the disciples, having witnessed the resurrection of Jesus, were even willing to suffer persecution in order to continue the mission. Jesus was transferring His mission to the people, the body of Christ. The third component of the sermon unpacks the specifics of what the mission of the church actually is. Five specifics are mentioned. The final component consisted of three experiences Pastor Larry had in the past week which give illustrative examples of the church's mission.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text** - Matthew 28:16-20.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?