

North End Collective

Summer Renewal 2022



At North End Collective, we fundamentally believe the Church is the tangible expression of Christ in our City, made known by any group of people who commit to embracing three rhythms: **Worshipping** together, experiencing **Community** together, and living on **Mission** together.

While the Church can certainly be more than this, it can never be less.

This is what we call the **irreducible minimum**. Wherever these **three things** are present, then we have found an expression of **the church** in our midst!

Week 4: What is Mission?

OPENING QUESTION

When was a time in your life where you came face to face with the brokenness of this world? Where were you? What were you doing?

How did you respond to that experience? Did you take action in some way (giving, doing, praying, etc)? Did you feel overwhelmed?

MAIN IDEA

While the church gathers for worship, expressed as an ongoing community, it is always looking outward to the people and the places around it.

Brian Sanders has said, “The Church is not the church if it is not engaged in the Mission of God.”

Likewise, others have said something to this effect, “The church doesn’t have a mission, the mission (of God) has a church.”

In each case, the two ideas are inseparable: Church and Mission; Mission and Church.

But for many of us, there is a tendency to treat mission like other aspects of the Church - as an activity, something we put on our calendar to do on specific day at a specific place.

Missional activity is a great way to begin the journey toward being engaged with God on mission in this city, but our prayer has always been that missional moments would give way to a missional movement at North End Collective.

Take a moment to read **John 3:16-17; John 17:20-21; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:7-8**

:: Note the sending in each of these passages. God is the God of sending!

:: Where does God send Jesus? (Hint: where does Jesus actually come when he is sent by God to the “world”)

:: Before Jesus sent the disciples into the “world” where does he say for them to go first?

:: We believe the church is first sent into the place where it is - to the people and places right around it. While we are not to stop here, we **must** start there.

:: Where (or to whom) is God sending you/your family/your MC? Spend time this week asking God to send you where God needs you!