

## The HEART of the CHURCH: Part 2- Commissioned

### Review:

- The heart of the early church reveals that the early believers are **united with Christ** and **united with one another**.
- A clear **mission and vision** are **healthy expressions of unity**.

### 3 Shoulds of a Church Vision:

- **Scripture** should guide our future.
- Our church vision should confirm that God is sending us to a **mission**.
- The mission of the church should not be just for our **enjoyment**, but ultimately for our **deployment**.

**The Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20)...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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

It affects people differently:

1. Radical- involving or causing a complete or dramatic change
2. Revolting- angers those who see themselves above the fray
3. Revealing- it uncovers one's real heart condition

It requires wisdom from us to do it effectively:

- Presumptuous authority turns off people
- Authentic humility disarms and attracts them
- Our mission will be better achieved if we practice authentic humility and rely on the authority of the Scripture. Ephesians 4:11-16
  - <sup>15</sup> Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Our mission is an effort to forward the Great Commission.

**Westway Christian Church Exists:** To help our neighbors find their way back to God.

We want others to:

- Know the way back with God- be connected with Him through His word, through prayers, through His bride
- Know the we are their good neighbors, ready to help them when the need arises.

Westway Christian Church... a place to rediscover your way back to God

It can be that place only if we who are the church would jointly embrace a sense of mission.

The **GREAT COMMISSION** deserves a **GREAT COMMITMENT**.