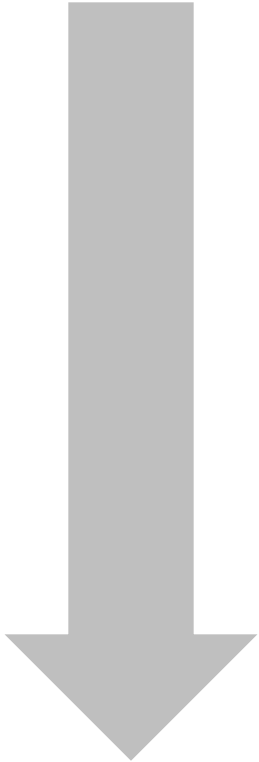




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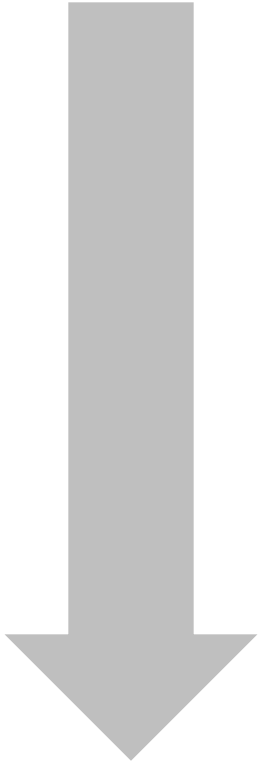


“ Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:18

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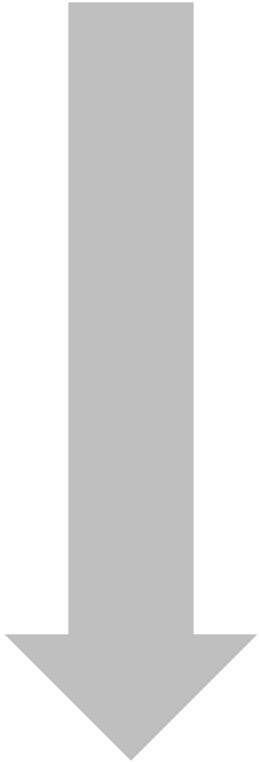


“ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

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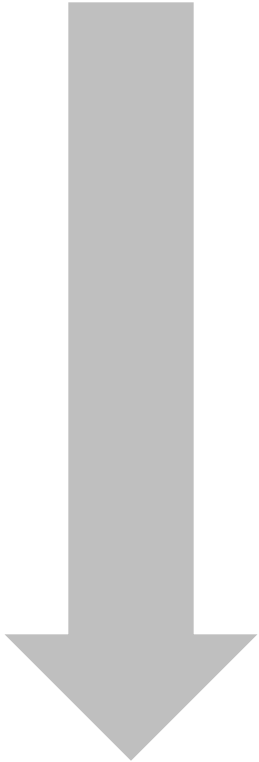


“ to prepare God’s people  
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the body of Christ may be  
built up,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

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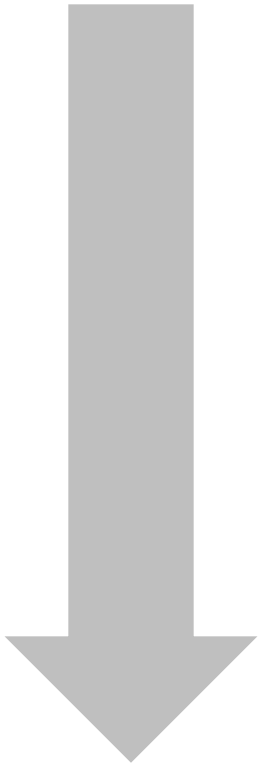


“ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

John 17:18

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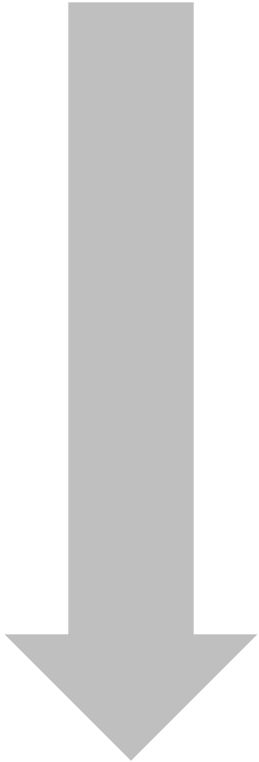


The Church continues the  
MISSION of God which was  
begun before Creation and  
is fulfilled in Jesus – a  
mission to the WORLD

MAIN IDEA

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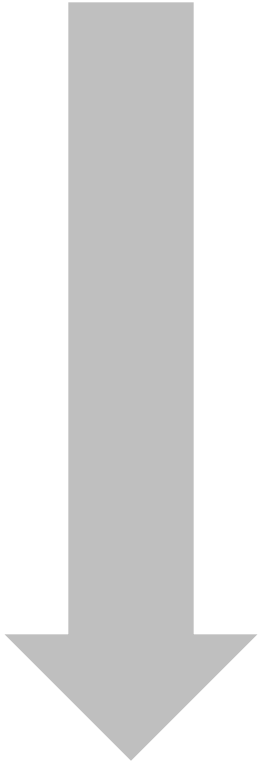


Apostle means “sent one”

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As JESUS was sent...

The Apostles were sent...

The church is sent...

into the world

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# INCARNATION

1

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...”

John 1:14

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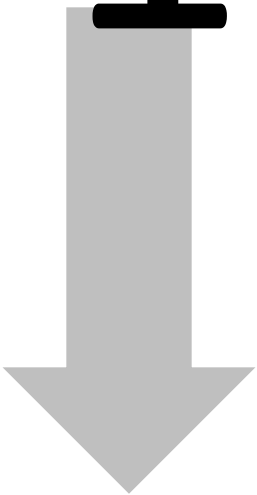




# INCARNATION

“Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

1



Ephesians 2:6,7

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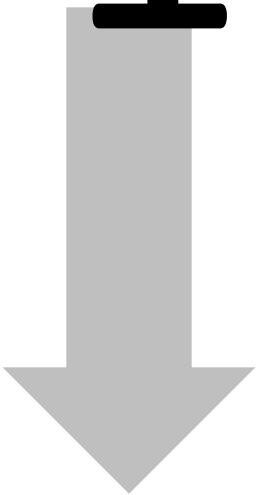


# INCARNATION

JESUS

came as a helpless infant  
to a humble family  
to a conquered people

1



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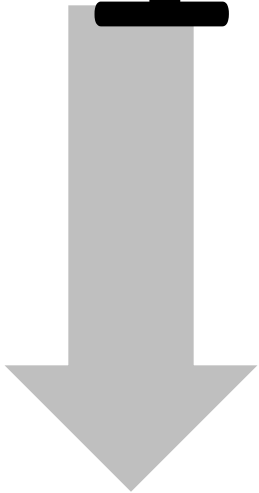


# INCARNATION

JESUS

came as a learner  
learned a language  
learned the cultures  
learned a lifestyle

1



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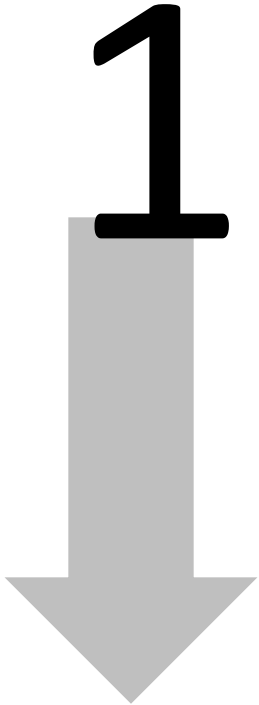


# INCARNATION

PAUL

learned a few languages  
learned the Gentile cultures  
learned a Gentile lifestyle

Was sent to the Gentiles...



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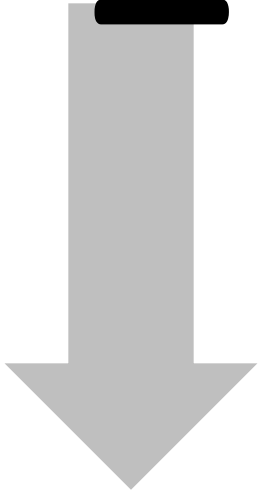
# INCARNATION

## OUR CHURCH

what do we need to learn  
what should we look at  
what should we be sensitive to

To reach who we are sent to?

1



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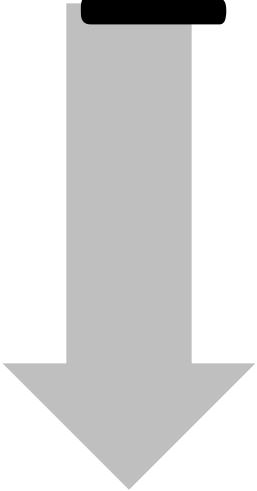
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# SERVICE

“to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

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Ephesians 4:12

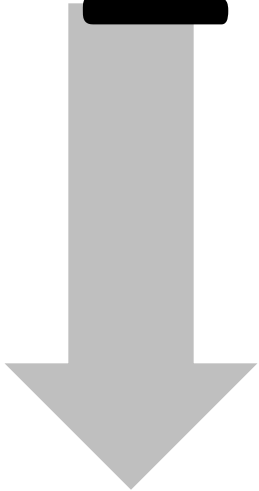
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# SERVICE

# 2



“ When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ He asked them.”

John 13:12-14

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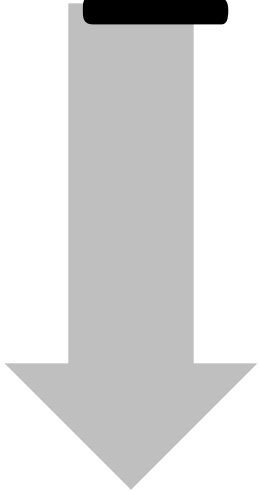
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# SERVICE

“ You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet.”

2



John 13:12-14

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# SERVICE

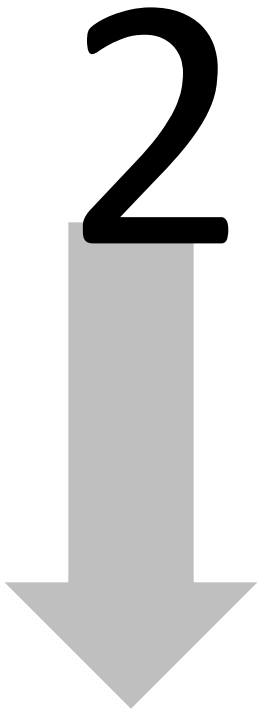
JESUS

served the Father

modeled humble attitude

prepared the church for service

How can we serve the Father where we are?



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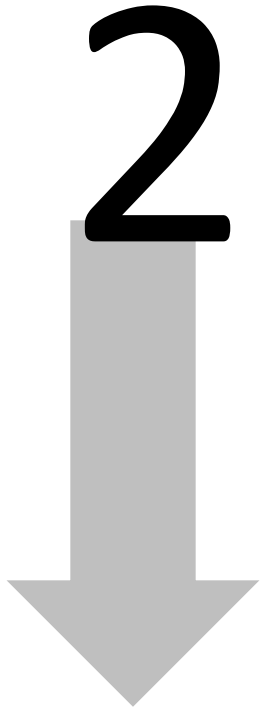


# SERVICE

## NEEDS

always there  
greater in magnitude  
greater in number

How can we serve God making a  
difference in an area of need?



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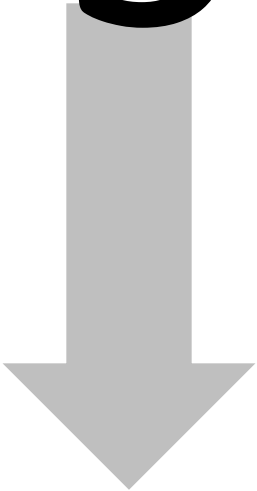
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# VISION

“ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life”

3



John 3:16

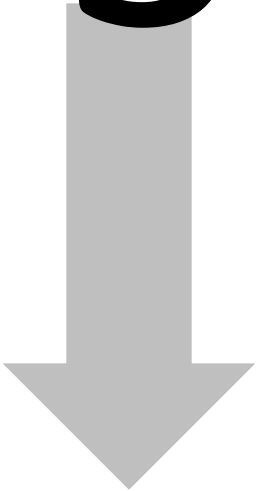
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# VISION

3



“Is it not written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’?”

Mark 11:17



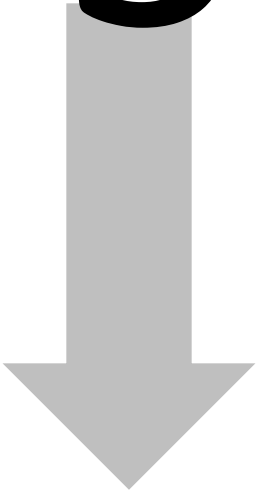
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# VISION

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“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”

Matthew 28:18,19

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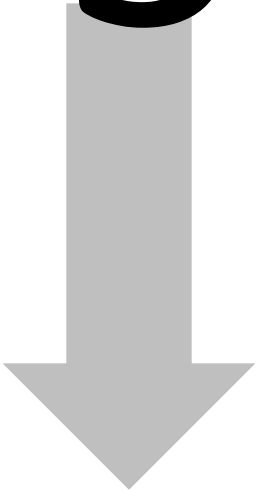


# VISION

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GOD has always had the WORLD in mind

JESUS focused on the Jews with a sense of the world



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# VISION

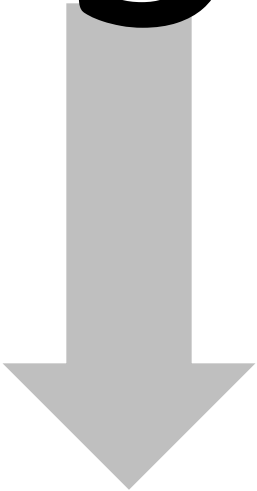
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Who is our Jerusalem?

Who is our Judea?

Who is our Samaria?

Who is our uttermost parts of the earth?



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# CONCLUSION

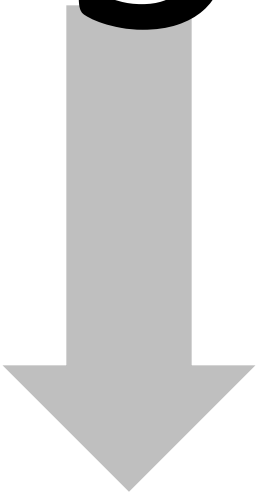
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Let's get back to the essence of  
being apostolic

INCARNATION

SERVICE

VISION



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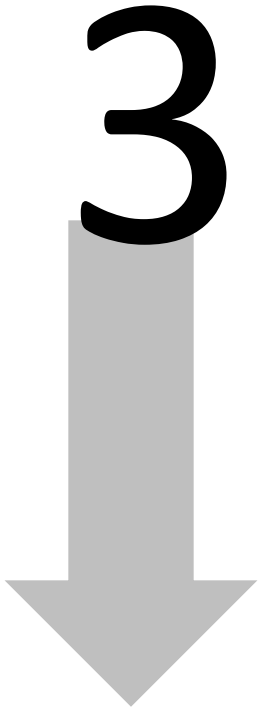
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# CONCLUSION

JESUS was SENT by GOD  
JESUS SENT APOSTLES  
JESUS is SENDING US

The question is WHERE  
and to WHO?



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