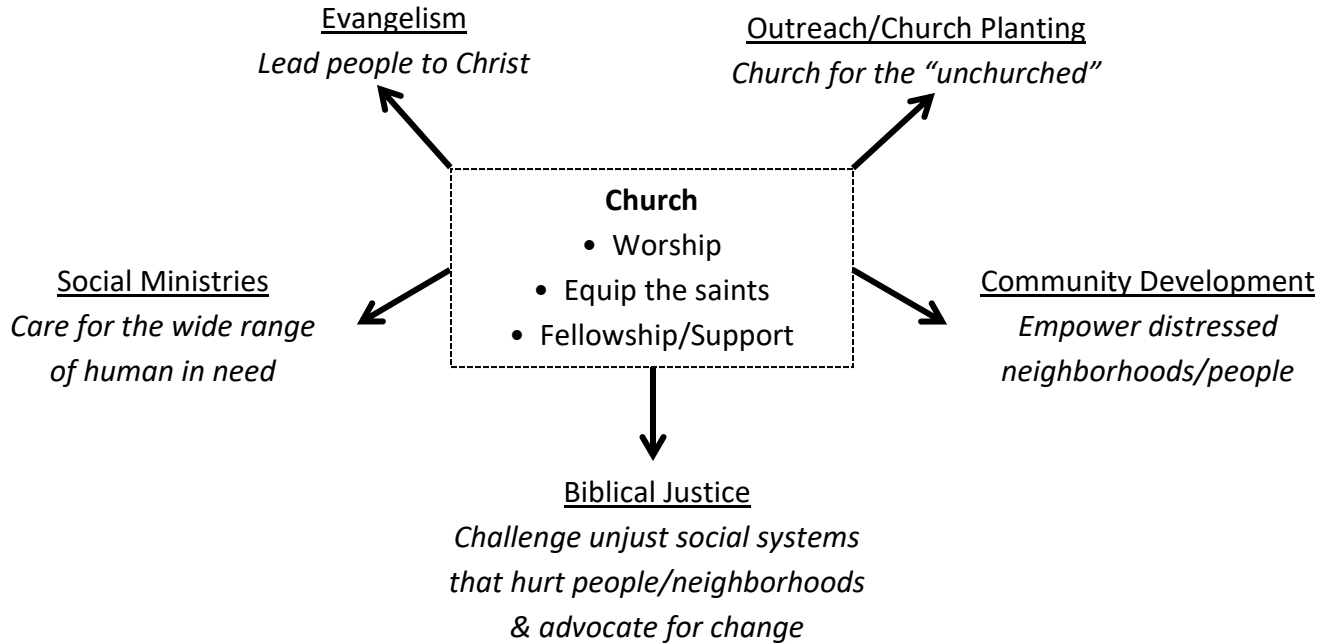


**Ecclesiocentric Model**

Mission = The church doing God's work in the world  
 --Emphasis on *where*--

*God's church has a mission!*

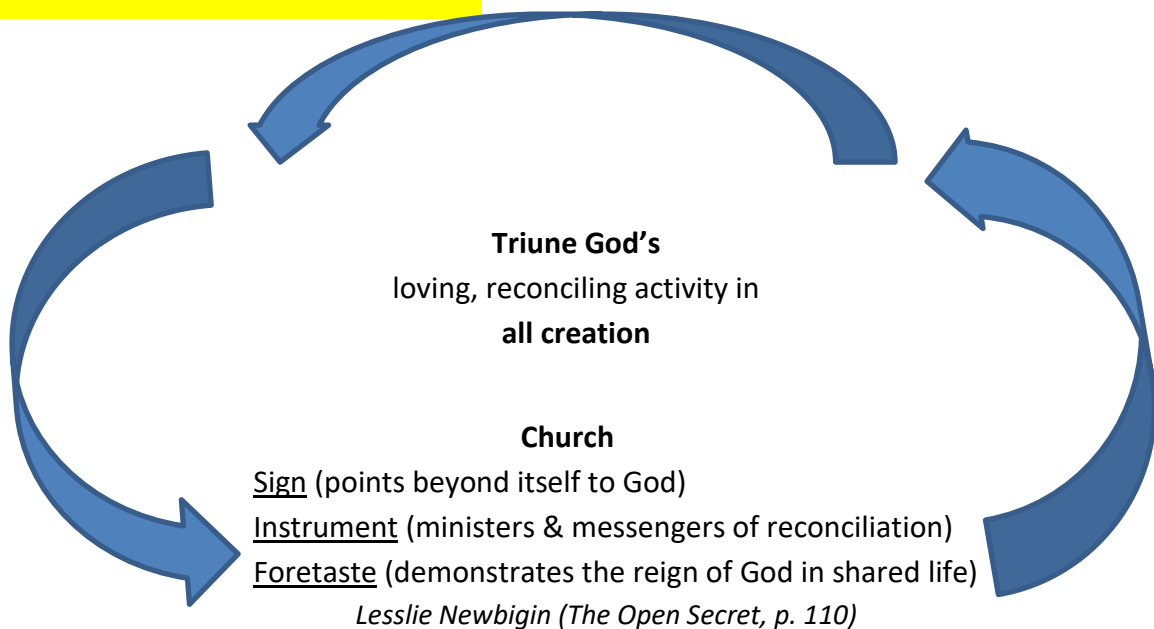
**Mission**  
 The local to global context  
beyond the church



**Theocentric Model**

Mission = God's reconciling activity in all creation to which we're called to participate  
 --Emphasis on *who*--

*God's mission has a church!*



## Guiding Scripture

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19, NIV)

## Indispensable Practices for Missional Life and Leadership

Discernment: Process of learning the nature of God/creation & of recognizing God's presence at all times & in all things

Missional Prayer: "Lord, what are you doing around, through, and in me, and how do you want me to participate?"

Hospitality: Creating safe, caring, and supportive spaces to relate to whomever God sends us

Community: Cultivating unity and diversity in Christ as a sign, instrument, and foretaste of God's reign

## Four Ways of Engaging the *Least of These* (Samuel Wells, *A Nazareth Manifesto*)

Doing for (Providing care and provisions that people need)

Doing with (Collaboratively helping people to help themselves)

Being for (Advocating for people in need; challenging injustice)

Being with (Sharing life with whomever God sends our way)

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