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**God -
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 is missionary and evangelist**

**The
 Sender
 Sent and
 Sending
 One**




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**It is not the church of God that has
 a mission in the world, but the God
 of mission who has a church in the
 world.**
(Tim Dearborn - via St Augustine and Karl Barth)



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**“One of the most important
 things Christians need to know
 about the church is that *the
 church* is not of ultimate
 importance.”**
(Bevans and Schroeder, 2004)


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It's not

“I will build my church...”
Jesus - Matthew 16:18

“We will build His church...”
 while
**“He goes into all the world
 and make disciples...”**
Jesus - Matthew 28:19





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**The life and
 ministry of Jesus**

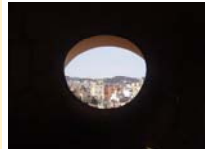

Christ
 ‘beauty of life... causes
 strangers to join the ranks...
 we do not talk about great
 things; we live them.’
(Minucius Felix c.160ad)

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Matthew - 28: 18-20
 “Go and make disciples of all
 peoples, baptising them in the name
 of the Father and of the Son and of
 the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to
 obey everything I have commanded
 you. And remember, I am with you
 always, to the end of the age.”

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John – 20:21-22
 "Peace be with you!
 As
 the Father has sent me, I
 am sending you."
 And he breathed on them
 and said,
 "receive the Holy Spirit."

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Luke – 4: 18-19
 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has
 anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He
 has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
 and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the
 oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's
 favour.'



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The role and nature of the
 Holy Spirit....



Wesley's 'big'
 and
 'prevenient'
 Holy Spirit





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The role and nature of the
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"But you will receive power
 when the Holy Spirit comes on
 you; and you will be my
 witnesses in Jerusalem, and
 in all Judea and Samaria, and
 to the ends of the earth."






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The role and nature of the
 Holy Spirit....

In which 'direction' is holiness
 found?

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fx fresh expressions

Attractional and missional church –
 some comments
 and the '5 stage' learning from UK



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Temple and Ark and a new
'copernican revolution'

