

**S E N T**

**Creating a Missionary Culture**

***Have you noticed any  
changes lately?***

# Headline News

*“Christians Decline as Share of U.S. Population; Other Faiths and the Unaffiliated Are Growing”*

(Pew Research Center,  
“America’s Changing Religious Landscape,”  
May 2015)

# Changes from 2007 to 2015

***Christian***      78.4%      →      70.6%

***Non-Christian***      4.7%      →      5.9%

***Unaffiliated***      16.1%      →      22.8%

(Note: Evangelical Christians make up  
25 % of Americans.)

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## A Reflective Perspective

“Christianity isn’t dying and no research says it is; the statistics about Christians in America are simply starting to show a clearer picture of what American Christianity is becoming—less nominal, more defined, and more outside of the mainstream of American culture.”

(Ed Stetzer, *Facts & Trends*, Aug/Sept 2015)

# **“Jesus Sends Seventy-Two Missionaries”**

## **(Luke 10:1-16)**

- Anticipate a harvest.
- Pray for workers.
- Go!
- Seek people of peace.
- Proclaim the approach of God’s kingdom.

**Could it be that . . .**

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Church to create a missionary  
culture?

# **Our Mission**

Our mission is to help ordinary people become fully formed followers of Jesus Christ.



***So, what's an "ordinary" person look like?***

Ordinary people tend to be characterized by spiritual indifference, consumerism, and busyness.

***So, what's a "fully formed follower of Jesus Christ" look like?***

Fully formed followers of Jesus Christ are characterized by love for God, love for our neighbor, and love for one another (Jesus' "three loves").

**Mark 12:30**

**Mark 12:31**

**John 13:34-35**

# Our Motivation

- Our love for God motivates us to bear witness to Him in all we do as missionaries (“sent”).

# Our Motivation

- Our love for our neighbor motivates us to serve the people around us incarnationally as missionaries (“seek”).

# Our Motivation

- Our love for one another motivates us to work together in teams as missionaries (“missionary communities”).

# Our Definitions

- A *missionary* is a believer whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

# Our Definitions

- A *missionary community* is a team of believers whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

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- A *missionary church* is a body of believers whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.



# **Our Missionary Vision**

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# Our Strategy

- Connect—exemplify a missionary mindset and emphasize the power of prayer (a function of *leadership*)

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- Grow—educate, equip, and challenge around a missionary mindset (a function of *discipleship*)

# Our Strategy

- Worship—celebrate the stories about our missionary mindset (a function of *worship*)

# Our Strategy

- Serve—engage every member in the outworking of our missionary mindset (a function of *relationship*)

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