**What is God Like? God is Missional**

***“Mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of God and culminates in His movement in the world.” David Bosch***

**Missio Dei – The Mission of God.**

**The Sending Nature of God**

**Gen 12, EX 3:10-15, Is 6:8, 61:1-3, Mal 3:1**

***“He has sent me, to bind up the broken-hearted, He has sent me, to proclaim freedom for the captives, He has sent me, to release from darkness for the prisoners, He has sent me, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, He has sent me, to comfort all who mourn, He has sent me, to provide for those who grieve in Zion— He has sent me, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Isaiah 61:1-3a)***

**“The Bible is the story of God’s mission through God’s people in their engagement with God’s world for the sake of the whole of God’s creation. The Bible then is the drama of this God of purpose engaged in the mission of reconciling and restoring the world culminating in and finding its climax and completion in the person and work of Jesus.” Christopher J. H. Wright (The mission of God)**

**Jesus the Sent One of God**

**Luke 4:18-19 John 3:16-17, 17:8, 15-18, 20-26, John 15:26-27**

***“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’” John 20:21***

**Take Aways:**

**1) There is Church because there is Mission not vice versa**

**2) Where have you been sent?**

**Got Questions? Text 519-893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Share a rose and thorn – something that was good this past week and something that was difficult. Do a general check in as well to see how everyone is holding up in this season. Are there any physical or prayer needs?
2. What was something that stood out to you in the message this week? What was something you learned? Was there anything you had a hard time with?
3. What were your thoughts about the biblical motif of God’s mission running through the whole Bible? Do you agree or disagree? Why do you feel that way?
4. Read Romans 8:18-38.
5. What stands out to you in the passages you read?
6. What is the most challenging part of these passages for you?
7. Was there something that you didn’t understand or do you have any questions about this passage?
8. What does this passage have to say to us about the missionary nature of God? What does that tell us about us and how we relate to Him?
9. In this passage Paul talks about all creation groaning from being under the weight of sin, longing for liberation. How does this fit into the mission motif in scripture? What can we learn about what God is up to? Does it tell us anything about what our priorities should be or things that we should care about?
10. What can we learn from this passage about God’s love for our world and God’s desire for our world even when we face difficult situations like we are in now?
11. What one thing can you do this week to apply the take aways?
12. Spend some time praying for one another. Pray also for our church, our world leaders and for our frontline workers.