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What is the mission of the local church? How does the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) influence your understanding? Why is such a mission non-negotiable?

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What is the difference between mission and missions? Why must the former always precede the latter?

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What does it look like for a church to prioritize the Great Commission church? How does the pastor's role to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Eph. 4:12) influence your answer?

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What are some of the consequences for setting forth a mission of the church not grounded in the Great Commission?

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Jesus did not call us to plant churches. Why then is multiplication the vision of the church? (Consider the multitude in Revelation 5 and 7) What is the connection between making disciples and multiplying the church?

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Why is the task of church planting the primary symptom (not the source) of effective disciple making? Why is church planting necessary for accomplishing the Great Commission? (Acts 14:19-28)

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How can the individual church member contribute to the formation of a missional church culture?

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How can a church's leadership structure support its missional strategy? (Titus 1:5) Consider how formalized pipelines and pathways foster a ministry of raising up and sending out leaders.

