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Church is – Missional Community



Missional Community
“sent ones”

An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crossing, showing many people walking across the street. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

God's Mission
Missio Dei - mission of God



Genesis 1v1 Genesis 1v31 - 2v3

Out of love, God created a world that would reflect the love
and goodness of himself.



Out of love, God sends.

John 1v9-14, 8v18 - The Father sends the Son

John 16v7 - The Son sends the Spirit

An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crossing, showing many people walking across a zebra-striped crosswalk. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle. Inside this rectangle, white text is centered. The text reads: "God's original mission was creating the cosmos and everything in it out of his great love. Then out of God's love, he sends." The background image shows people in various poses, some walking, some standing, and some carrying bags, all moving across the crosswalk. The shadows of the people are cast on the pavement, indicating a bright, sunny day.

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Humanity's Mission

Gen 1v26-28, 2v15

Humanity's original mission was to rule and reign over
God's good creation.

Humanity's mission flowed from God's mission.



Israel's Mission

Gen 12v1-3

Israel was to be the tangible touch of God to every nation on the planet.



Jesus' Mission

John 8v28-29, 42

Jesus' mission was to do the will of the Father who sent him.



The Church's Mission

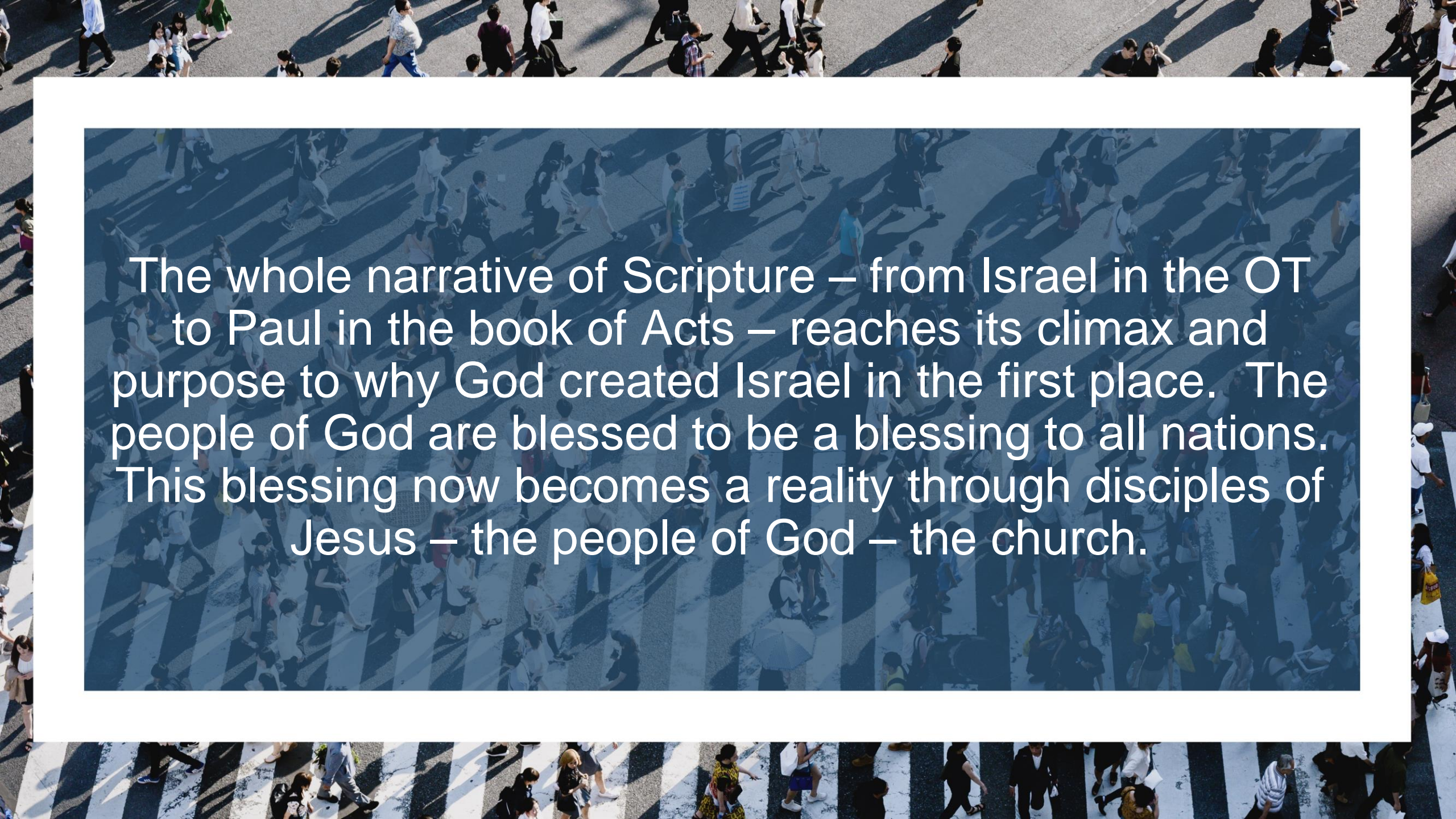
Luke 24v45-49 and Acts 1v8

“You will be my witnesses...to the end of the earth.”

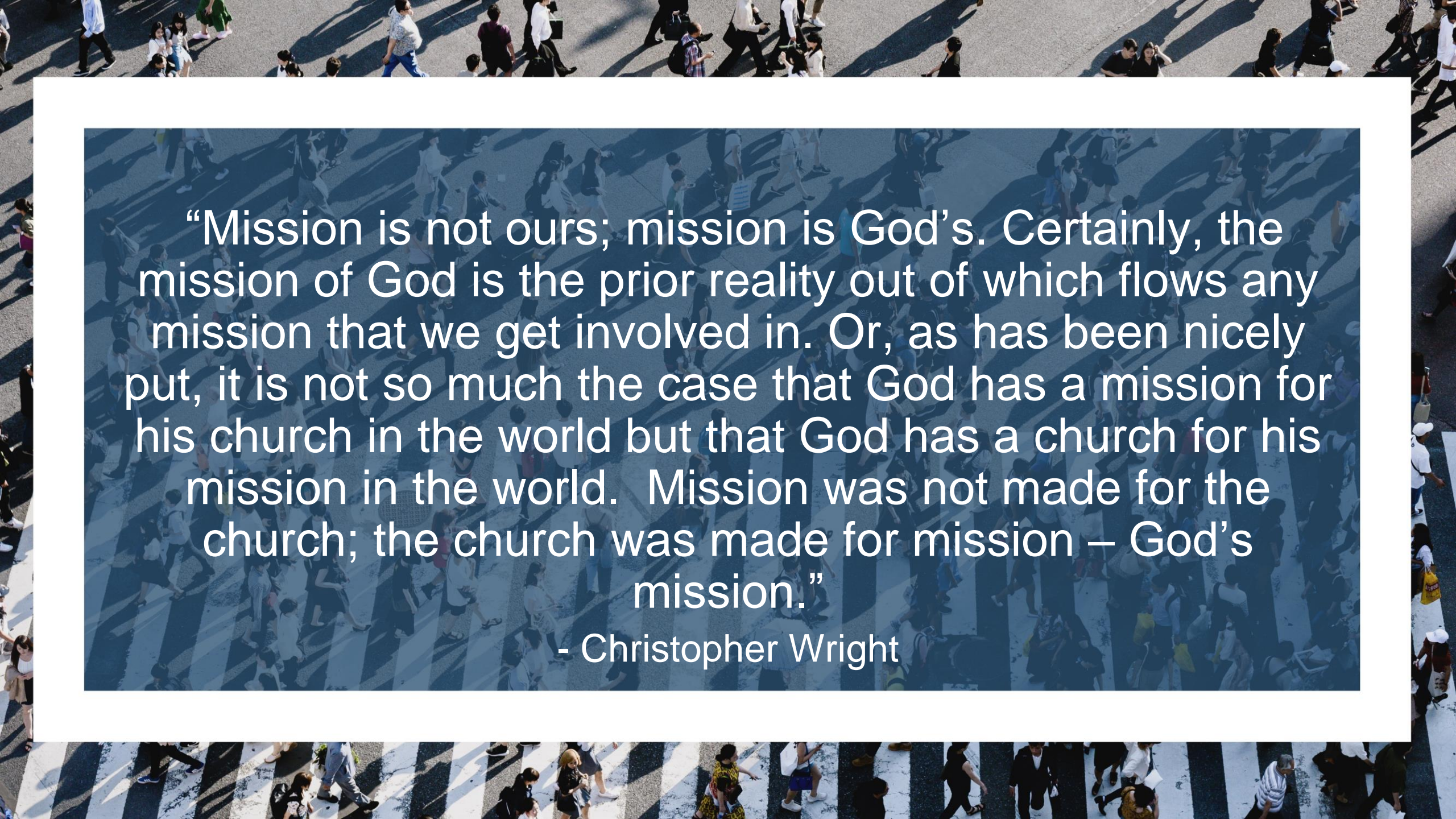
An aerial, high-angle photograph of a busy city street. The scene is dominated by a large crosswalk with white stripes on a dark asphalt surface. Numerous pedestrians of various ages and ethnicities are captured in motion, crossing the street. Long, dark shadows are cast across the pavement, indicating bright sunlight. The overall atmosphere is one of a bustling, active urban environment.

John 20v21

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am *sending* you.”

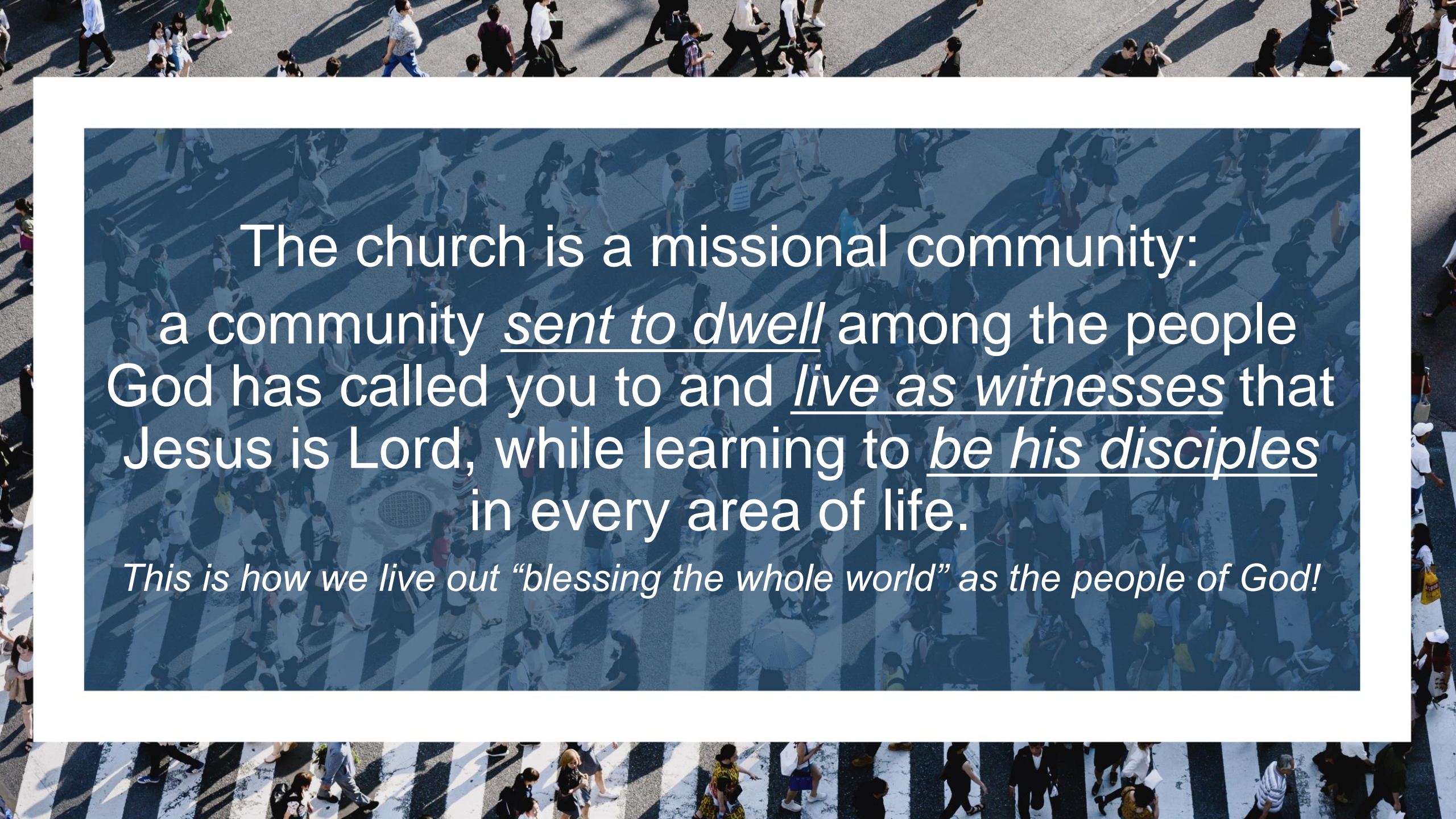
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“Mission is not ours; mission is God’s. Certainly, the mission of God is the prior reality out of which flows any mission that we get involved in. Or, as has been nicely put, it is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world but that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.”

- Christopher Wright

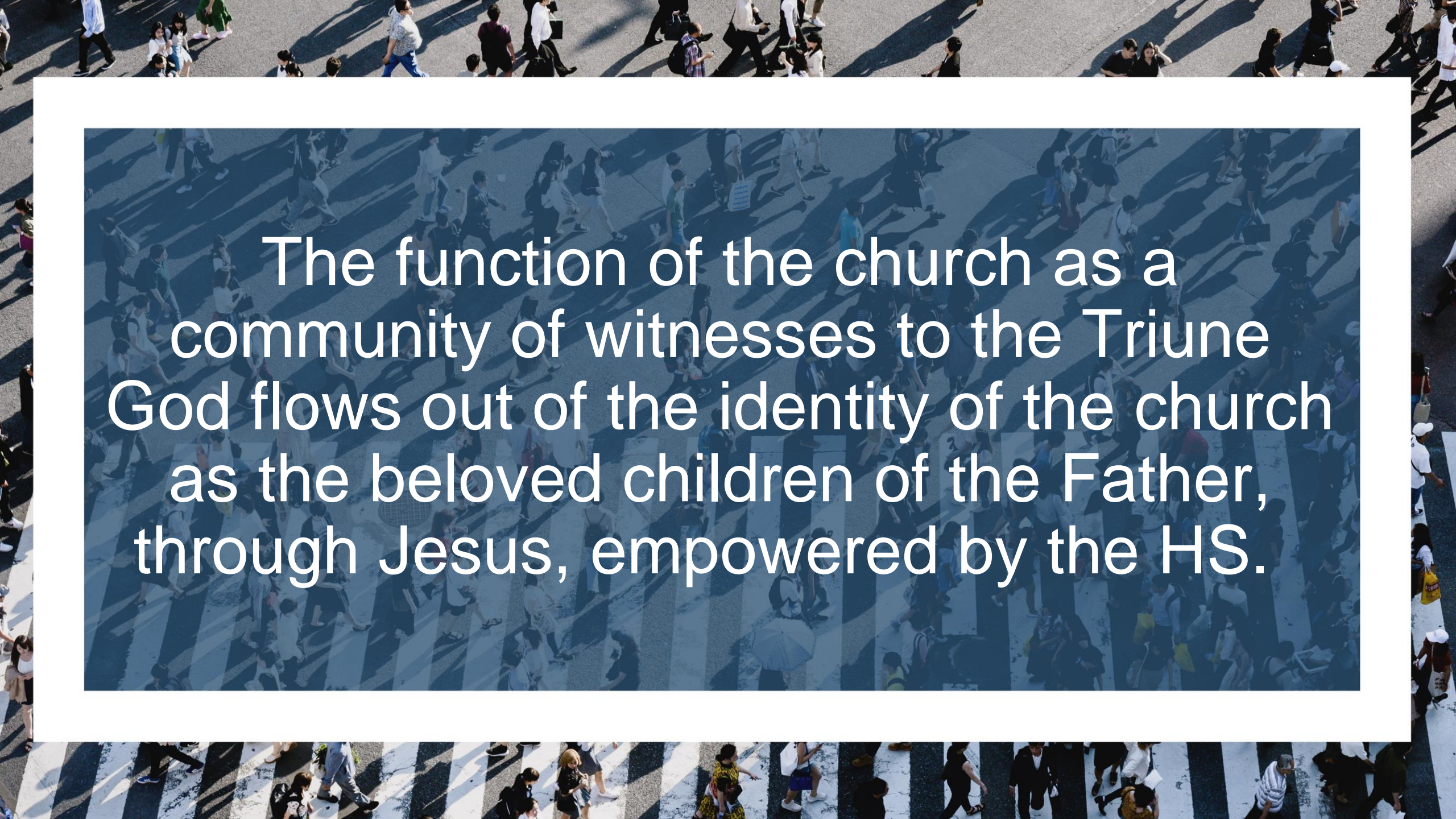


The church is a missional community:
a community sent to dwell among the people
God has called you to and live as witnesses that
Jesus is Lord, while learning to be his disciples
in every area of life.

This is how we live out “blessing the whole world” as the people of God!

An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crosswalk. The scene is filled with people walking in various directions. Long shadows are cast across the pavement, indicating it is either early morning or late afternoon. The image has a blue color overlay, and the text is centered in white. The text reads: "We are sent ones empowered by the Spirit to show and share Jesus to others."


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An aerial, high-angle photograph of a busy city street. A large crowd of diverse people is walking across a wide crosswalk with white stripes. The scene is captured from a high vantage point, showing the movement and density of the urban environment. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, with shadows cast across the pavement.

The function of the church as a community of witnesses to the Triune God flows out of the identity of the church as the beloved children of the Father, through Jesus, empowered by the HS.

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Our *identity* and *motivation* form the foundation of a community on mission.



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2 barriers to living as a missional community:

Lack of heart formation

Lack of margin



Prayerfully consider:

1. What areas of my heart do I find resistant to God's call in my life?
2. What idols (comfort, safety, security, fear of rejection, etc) are holding me back from living "sent?"
3. Who are the people God has put in my life right now who don't know Jesus? Am I consistently praying for these people? Is my heart toward them?
4. How can create space in my life and be more intentional to live out my identity as a child of God to those around me in my everyday life?

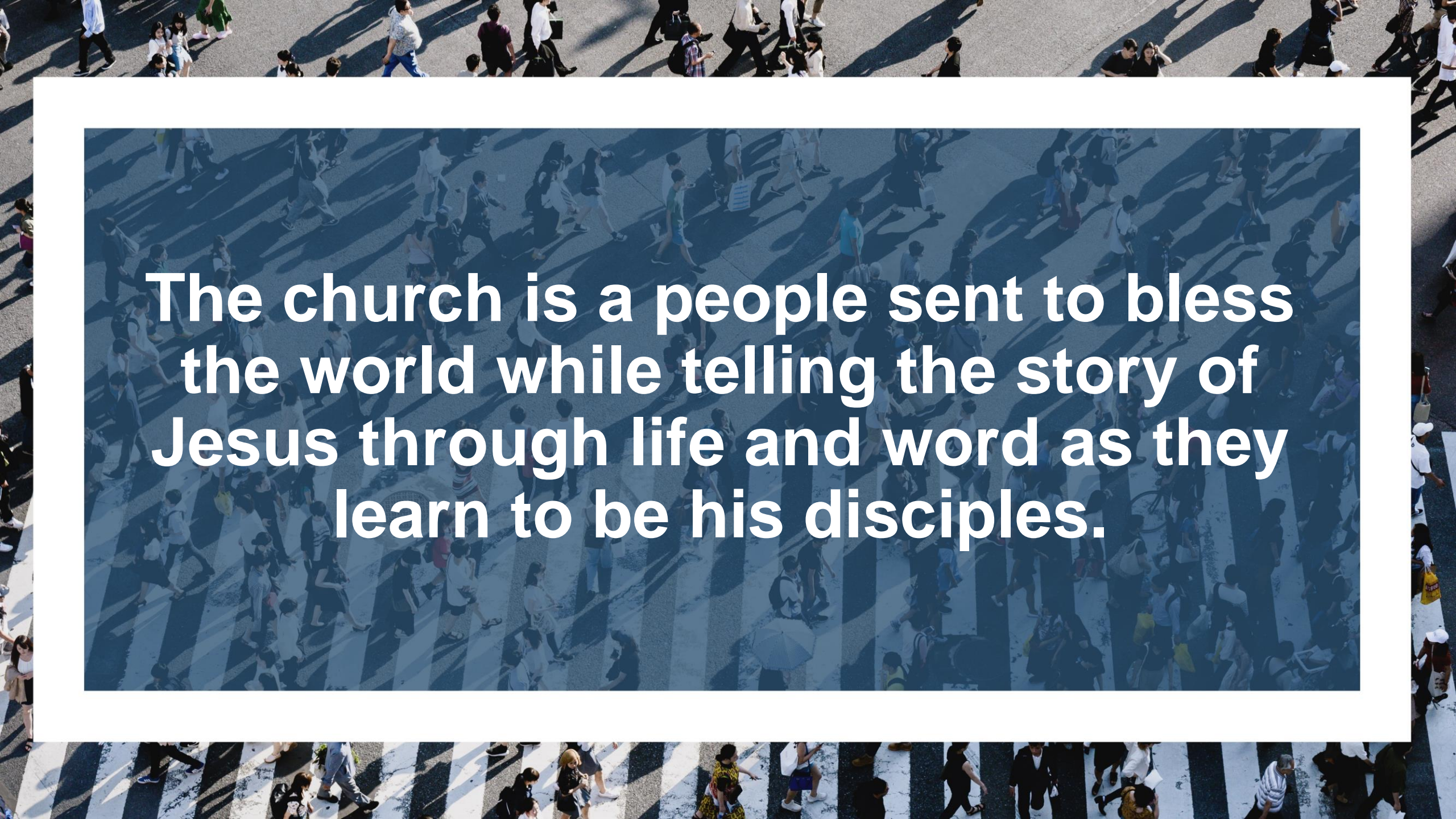


“Mission, then, in biblical terms, while it inescapably

involves us in planning and action, is not primarily a matter of our activity or our initiative. Mission, from the point of view of our human endeavor, means the committed participation of God’s people in the purposes of God for the redemption of the whole creation. The mission is God’s. *The marvel is that God invites us to join*

in.”

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the world while telling the story of
Jesus through life and word as they
learn to be his disciples.**