

Church As...

Missionary

Colossians 4:16-18

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷ Tell Archippus: *“See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.”*

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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1:25 I have **become its servant** by the **commission God gave me to present to you the word of God** in its fullness— ²⁶ the **mystery** that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them **God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

Acts 20:24 ...my only aim is to finish the race and **complete the task** the **Lord Jesus has given** **me**—the **task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.**

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God of Mission

Missional God

*God uses Ordinary people in
ordinary places to announce
his love and reign in ordinary
circumstances!*

***WE ARE SENT
WHEREVER WE ARE***

*We are all on mission
together because we
serve a missional God.*

Eph. 3:7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

¹⁰ His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,
¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.