

# Mission at Carey

## What is the mission?

Mission is working for the growth of Christ's kingdom, which is the church/community of his people.

The parable of the sower and seed in Matthew 13 teaches us a number of things, including that:

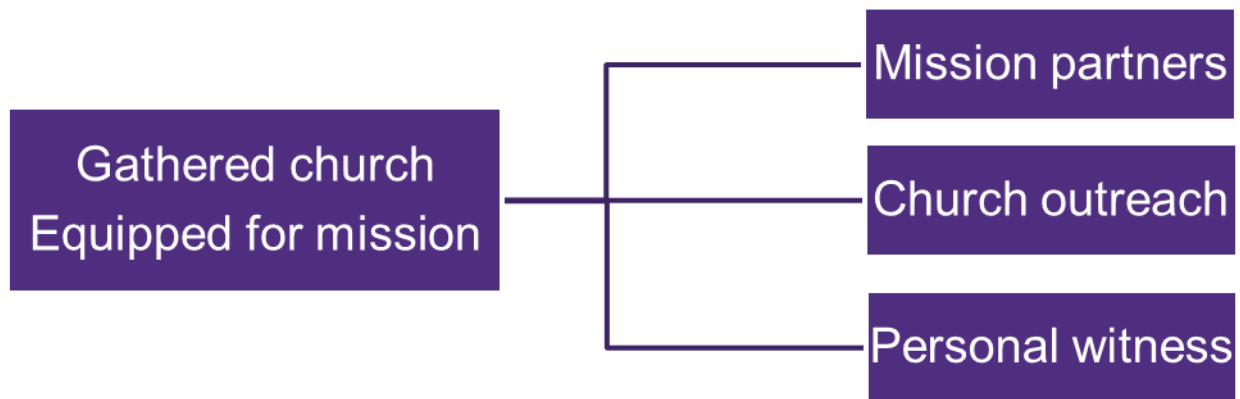
- The kingdom of Christ will grow massively - a hundred-fold or bumper harvest.
- Growth comes from the word of God as the gospel transforms people's lives.
- Our role is to scatter the seed widely; we are to tell the gospel to any and all, far and wide.
- We are to leave the results to God; sadly not everyone who hears the gospel embraces it whole-heartedly

## Why do we do it?

Essentially, Jesus left us with one big task which was first given to the Apostles to "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28 v 19). This Great Commission is passed down to all Christians. Paul speaks of the church in Philippi as those who "...stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.." (Phil 1 v 27). He, along with Silas and Timothy, write to the church in Thessalonica about how "...you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere..." (1 Thess 1 v 7-8)

## How are we to do this?

The church needs to have a missional mindset where we are equipped to communicate the gospel in the places God has placed us individually each day, to work together in outreach through church ministries, and to partner with others to scatter the gospel as widely as possible.



We want to:

- Encourage one another in personal witness and in inviting friends to gospel-centred events
- Shape church ministries so that creatively we show love and speak the gospel to all sections of our local community
- Select missional organizations and individuals, including from our own membership, to develop meaningful partnerships in gospel-shaped ministries across our town, in our country and in the world.