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Topic: The Church's Commission

Scripture text: Matthew 28:18-20

1. The church's commission in a post-COVID-19 world must never change because we must obey the Lord Jesus Christ who gave us the great commission. Jesus Christ gave the great commission to all Christians to do the gospel work and make disciples of Christ. Christ is sovereign and has an all-encompassing power over heaven and earth. The Head of the church is Christ and it must be governed according to His commandments. Christians are assured of God's presence and power as we labour to spread the gospel.

2. The purpose of a church is to witness and make disciples of Christ. To do so, she must actively preach God's Word because faith comes by the hearing of the Word. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to convict and convert sinners, granting them saving faith and making them disciples of Christ. A believer's baptism is the outward proclamation of an inward faith that he has accepted Christ as Saviour.

3. The church's commission is to indoctrinate believers through a systematic teaching of Scriptures. For Christians to mature in our faith, we have to be grounded in the Word of God and the greatest expression of our faith is the obedience of God's Word in all aspects of our lives. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic restricting the church's physical evangelism, we must not give up on the great commission but rather pray for God's wisdom and open doors to share the gospel even through the use of technology.