

# New City Fellowship

## *Statement on Missions*



- I. We believe that God is supremely committed to demonstrating his own glory throughout all his creation.<sup>1</sup>
- II. We believe that God demonstrates his glory uniquely and finally through the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup>
- III. We believe that to do missions is to proclaim the Gospel as a matter of first importance.<sup>3</sup>
- IV. We believe that preaching the Gospel is preeminently compassionate, that the Gospel is the fountainhead all true compassion, and that Gospel-less compassion is ultimately deficient.<sup>4</sup>
- V. We believe that the local church is the focal point of missions. The Gospel produces local churches which exist distinct from the world around them,<sup>5</sup> and each local church exists to perpetuate the Gospel in its unique setting, through both its confession and its community.<sup>6</sup>
- VI. We believe that our role as a local church is to send forth missionaries who faithfully proclaim the Gospel, and to support them, according to our abilities, “in a manner worthy of God.”<sup>7</sup>
- VII. We believe that supporting a missionary includes laboring for them in prayer, providing for their material needs, and seeking their interests rather than our own, such that our joy would be complete as the Gospel is made clear.<sup>8</sup>
- VIII. We believe that this urgent work of missions is ongoing until God finishes calling forth his own from every nation, tribe, people group, and language, and until “the earth [is] filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:27–28; Isa. 48:11; Hab. 2:14; Php. 2:10–11; Rev. 21:22–23

<sup>2</sup> Matt. 28:18–20; Rom. 1:16–17; Col. 1:15–20; Rev. 5:9–14; 7:9–10

<sup>3</sup> Rom. 10:14–17; 1 Cor. 15:3–11; 2 Tim. 4:1–5

<sup>4</sup> Isa. 55:1–9; John 4:10–15; 6:25–35; Gal. 6:10

<sup>5</sup> This is in contradistinction to C5 contextualization (the “Insiders’ Movement”).

<sup>6</sup> John 13:34–35; 15:19; Eph. 3:8–4:32; 1 Thess. 1:2–10; Tts. 1–2; 1 Pet. 2:4–12

<sup>7</sup> Acts 13:1–3; 15:3; Php. 2:25–30; 3 John 1:5–8

<sup>8</sup> Php. 2:1–11; Col. 4:2–4; 2 Thess. 3:1–2a; 1 John 3:16–18; 3 John 1:5–8

<sup>9</sup> Gen. 12:3; Hab. 2:14; Matt. 28:19; Gal. 3:13–14; Col. 1:6; Rev. 7:9