

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MISSIONAL**

**Text: Romans 1:8-15**

**We are called to serve others: this community and the world around us. We're called to be missionaries; we're called to be a missional church.**

**What defines a missional church? A missional church is made of missional people. That means it's made up of missionaries.**

**There are three things about the Apostle Paul that I want you to notice.**

**1. He was consumed with the desire to minister to others.**

**Paul wanted to help people become mature, fully-developed, fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**

**Developing a missional mindset means that you work with the end in mind; you have an idea what you're trying to accomplish in your ministry. Ref: Galatians 4:19**

**The other thing I want you to notice about the consuming desire is that it requires persistence. Ref: V 13**

**2. He was compelled by a sense of responsibility Ref: V 14; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 9:16**

**If not me, then who? If not now, then when?-----**

**3. He was convinced of what the gospel could do. Ref: V 16**

**The gospel -- the good news of Jesus Christ -- has the power to change lives. It is the hope of the world.**

**The question of timidity versus boldness often comes down to how fully convinced one is in the power of the gospel. The more convinced you are, the less timid you tend to be.**

**When a person -- or a church -- decides to adopt a missional lifestyle, they soon discover that it is not as easy to live as it is to talk about.**

**Why would Paul preach the gospel to people who were already Christians?**

**For Paul “the gospel” is not just a call to initial saving faith but also a call to continue in a daily walk of faith. Ref: Romans 6:1-4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:17**

**There must be life after salvation. We are all called to walk in the newness of life.**

**When you step into the sunlight you are entering the mission field.**