

Culture is  
changing but  
the Church has  
not.



What has God  
called us to be  
and to do?



A movement or  
a bureaucracy?



**Apostolic & Post-  
Apostolic Mode  
(AD  
32 to 313)**

Didn't have  
dedicated sacral  
buildings. Often  
underground &  
persecuted

**Advance & Triumph  
of Christendom  
Mode  
(313 to current)**

Buildings become  
central to the  
notion, &  
experience, of  
church

**The Missional  
Mode  
(past 20+ years)**

Rejects the concern  
& need for  
dedicated "church"  
buildings.



## Apostolic & Post-Apostolic Mode (AD 32 to 313)

Leadership operating with a fivefold ministry-leadership ethos.

## Advance & Triumph of Christendom Mode (313 to current)

Leadership by an institutionally ordained clergy operating primarily in a pastor-teacher mode.

## The Missional Mode (past 20+ years)

Leadership embraces a pioneering-innovative mode including a five-fold ministry-leadership ethos.  
Noninstitutional by preference.



**Apostolic & Post-  
Apostolic Mode  
(AD  
32 to 313)**

Grassroots,  
decentralised  
movement.

**Advance & Triumph  
of Christendom  
Mode  
(313 to current)**

Institutional-  
hierarchical notion  
of leadership &  
structure

**The Missional  
Mode  
(past 20+ years)**

Grassroots,  
decentralised  
movements.



**Apostolic & Post-  
Apostolic Mode  
(AD  
32 to 313)**

Communion  
celebrated as a  
sacralised  
community meal.

**Advance & Triumph  
of Christendom  
Mode  
(313 to current)**

Increasing  
institutionalisation  
of grace through the  
sacraments.

**The Missional  
Mode  
(past 20+ years)**

Redeems, re-  
sacralises, and  
ritualises new  
symbols & events,  
including the meal.



**Apostolic & Post-  
Apostolic Mode  
(AD  
32 to 313)**

Church is on the margins of society & underground.

**Advance & Triumph  
of Christendom  
Mode  
(313 to current)**

Church is perceived as central to society & surrounding culture.

**The Missional  
Mode  
(past 20+ years)**

Church is once again on the fringes of society & culture. The church reembraces a missional stance in relation to culture.





**Apostolic & Post-  
Apostolic Mode  
(AD  
32 to 313)**

Missionary,  
incarnational-  
sending church.

**Advance & Triumph  
of Christendom  
Mode  
(313 to current)**

Attractional /  
"extractional"

**The Missional  
Mode  
(past 20+ years)**

Missional,  
incarnational-  
sending church.



1. The missional church proclaims the gospel.



2. The missional church is a community where all members are involved in learning to become disciples of Jesus.



3. The Bible is  
normative in this  
church's life.



4. The church understands itself as different from the world because of its participation in the life, death, & resurrection of its Lord.



5. The church seeks to discern God's specific missional vocation for the entire community and for all its members.



6. A missional community is indicated by how Christians behave toward one another.



7. It is a community  
that practices  
reconciliation.





8. People within the community hold themselves accountable to one another in love.



# 9. The Church practices hospitality.



10. Worship is the central act by which the community celebrate the joy & thanksgiving both God's presence & God's promised future.



11. This community  
has a vital public  
witness.



12. There is recognition that the church itself is an incomplete expression of the reign of God.



# Reconceptionalisation of Church



# Attactional VS Missional



# Dualism

VS

# bringing sacred & secular together





# Hierarchical

VS

# organic structures



# What kind of church is emerging?

1. High value on  
communal life.



## 2. More open leadership structures



# 3. Contribution of all the people of God.



4. Radical in its attempts to embrace biblical mandates for the life of locally based faith communities.



5. Adventurous

6. Playful

7. Surprising



8. Inclination toward chaos & improvisation within the constraints of broadly held biblical values.



9. Sensual-experiential-participatory worship, deeply concerned matters of justice-seeking & mercy-bringing.

