

INTRO

- Christ's Whole Life was a mission
- The Church Must Continue Christ's mission

Orthodox mission is centered around the CHURCH

“Orthodoxy is not a confederation of Churches, but the 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church' to which the Lord entrusted the continuation of His redemptive work, the salvation of the whole world"
-Mission In Christs Way, Archbishop Anastasios

“The Church is 'apostolic' not simply because of the apostolic succession, but also because she preserves the apostolic fire and zeal to preach the Gospel to the whole creation"
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WHAT IS THE GOAL OF ORTHODOX MISSION?

- The goal is for all to worship and glorify the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
- Not converting humans to a religion, but that the Glory of God fills the world
- Partaking of God's Glory occurs through Worship in the **Divine Liturgy**
- Taking God's Glory from liturgy to the World is called **liturgy after the liturgy**

WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD IN MISSION?

The best method of mission is having **Incarnational Love!**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. -John 3:16-17

“He became what we are, that He might make us as He is" -St. Athanasius

WHAT SHOULD DRIVE OUR MISSION?

- Orthodox mission should not carry any human achievements.
- It is focusing on loving the souls to return back to God.
- Eternity Should always Drive our Mission

Let us Taste the sweetness of the Kingdom of God and share it with others.

RECAP:

- **Starting Point** - Centered around the Church
- **Goal** - For all to worship the Holy Trinity
- **Method** - Incarnational love
- **Driver** - All would taste the Kingdom

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON:

1. What is something in the Church that encouraged you to draw nearer to God?
2. Think about a person that showed you incarnational love, how did that impact your life?
3. Write down something that you remember about what God did so amazing in your life. Describe how sweet that was.