

Movement of Life – ministry of Jesus

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.

John 20:21

The church is like a wagon wheel. It is people (spokes) attached to Jesus (hub), kept in alignment with Him and each other by the Mentor (the outer rim). A wheel is designed for movement!



*“As the Father **sent me...**”* Jesus was on **A Mission from God**. When He called His twelve friends, He gave but one instruction: *“**Come, follow Me!**”* (Matthew 4:19) Whenever and wherever Jesus went, the twelve followed (it’s estimated that Jesus walked 3,125 miles during His three years of ministry). Most likely He originated the song, “On the Road Again.” By the way “Jesus never once said ‘**worship me**’ but he often said ‘**follow me!**’” (“Breathing Under Water”, Richard Rohr)

*“**So I am sending you.**”* The church is a *movement* of people **not** a *monument* of bricks and mortar! Minutes before He was *beamed up* Jesus described the scope of the movement. *“You will tell about Me ... **to the ends of the earth**”*. (Acts 1:8)

*“God showed His love for us when He **sent** Jesus ... **to give us Life**” (1 John 4:9). Jesus was the Father’s **Emergency Medical Service**, dispensing the Medicine of Life: healing the diseased (physical, mental, spiritual, relational), rescuing the lost, mending the broken, embracing the outcast, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, befriending the lonely, promoting justice for those falsely accused, mourning with those who grieve, liberating those demon possessed, freeing the imprisoned, offering hope to those in despair.*



*“So I am **sending you.**” “The person who trusts Me will not only do what I’m doing but **even greater things**, because I, on My way to the Father, am giving you **the same work to do that I’ve been doing.** Whatever you request along the lines of **who I am** and **what I am doing**, I’ll do it” (John 14:12-14) The church is nothing less than **a movement of ministry**, doing *the stuff* Jesus did, so that people experience “*life that is full and good!*” (John 10:10)*