

The Easter Commission

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1. We are a forgiven
people.

2. We are a sent
people.

“The church is God’s embassy on earth as a witness to the nations of a better King and kingdom that invites all to the defect from the kingdom of darkness.”

– Patrick Havens

“A church cannot exist without mission. It’s not an optional add-on or part of what we do. There is no such thing as a missions budget. The entire budget of the church is the missions budget. The essence of the church is to live in relationship with God, sent into the world just as Christ was sent into the world.”

–Darryl Dash

“Words remain abstract until they are made concrete in deeds of love, while works remain ambiguous until they are interpreted by the proclamation of the gospel. Words without works lack credibility; works without words lack clarity. So Jesus’ works made his words visible; his words made his works intelligible.”

—John Stott

3. We are an
empowered people.