

WHAT IS MISSIONAL?

Mission is both the **ANNOUNCEMENT** and the **DEMONSTRATION** of the reign of God through Christ. *Mission is not primarily concerned with church growth. It is primarily concerned with the reign and rule of the Triune God. If the church grows as a result, so be it.* (p.24)

As a result mission cannot be reduced to simply spoken evangelism or acts of kindness and compassion. It's a bold attempt to transcend the old evangelism vs social justice debate, because to be missional is to declare that Jesus is Lord through what you say and what you do. It's evangelism plus, so to speak. But if you think it's just another word for doing some more evangelism, Frost says, you've missed the point.

The good news according to Frost is that *our God reigns and rules through Christ and so whatever you do that alerts people to the fact of the rule of God is missional.*

... the focus on Jesus; the focus on genuine community, peace and reconciliation, sharp questions that help you become aware of who your neighbour is, an emphasis on discipleship, an everything agenda that sees value in the life and work of everybody and not just church workers. I found myself agreeing and wanting to be increasingly 'missional'.

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