



**III. How should we think about mission sending agencies?**

- a. An optional, but permissible means of organized cooperation among churches.
- b. Only authority is that delegated to them by local churches.
- c. Useful for strategic coordination, humility, field oversight.
- d. Servants of the local churches

**IV. Why does this matter that we are clear on these points?**

- a. Because the church is the goal and the means of missions (Eph. 3:10)
- b. Because Individualism and “para-churchism” can be problematic (Acts 15:24)
- c. Missions is intensely congregational, not just intensely personal.

**V. What does all this look like at Capitol Hill Baptist Church?**

- a. Teaching God’s Word is our most fundamental “missions” task.
- b. Being a Biblical church is the organizational means.

- c. Desire to train and equip members intentionally.
- d. Mobilize members through Biblical preaching and missions exposure/instruction.
- e. Helping to channel and instruct against wrong individualism.
- f. Training and sending teams in cooperation with the sending agencies.
- g. Maintaining theological and pastoral oversight.
- h. Happy to delegate and trust those who work for us, too.

**Conclusion:**

- a. Local churches are central to the New Testament plan.
- b. The gathered local churches are the mediating entities for implementing God’s great commission.
- c. Local churches are both the aim and the means of God’s missionary plan.
- d. Local churches are God’s means to bless you in your missionary obedience.