

The Church in the World  
Luke 4:16-21

Sometimes it seems that as believers we are on the outside looking in. It feels like our world has completely turned upside down. We are told often that we need to get on the “right side of history,” and it can be discouraging. While believers in Jesus have every reason to be optimistic about life and eternity, the world in which we live promotes pessimism and cynicism.

1. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom
2. The culture \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom
3. The mission is the \_\_\_\_\_
4. We are made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
5. Families are formed to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel
6. Believers engage with \_\_\_\_\_ kindness

The church is called to be an outpost for the kingdom, engaging the culture with the truth of the gospel. The church engages in spiritual warfare, fighting against principalities and powers, while at the same time, providing refuge for those who are seeking rescue. God invites us into His kingdom through faith in the finished work of Christ and His cross.