

# The Church Has Left The Building

## 7. Missional Gatherings part two

**Key Point:** Corporate worship must also take into account the unbelievers amongst us.

### Connect Group Questions

This series is designed to get us thinking about what it means to be “on mission” with God.

Last time we considered the role of Sunday gatherings in the mission of God. Taking our lead from 1Corinthians 14 we looked at three principles that characterise our gatherings, summed up as Body-Building, Christ-Conscious, and Seeker Sensible. Today we look deeper at what it means for us to be Seeker Sensible.

***“Contextualisation is not giving people what they want. It’s giving them God’s answers, which they may not want, to questions they are asking in forms and language they can comprehend.”***

***(Tim Keller, Pastor - Redeemer Presbyterian Church, USA)***

1. Begin by recalling what you remember from the sermon? Key words, ideas, thoughts, pictures etc.
2. What did you find most challenging, helpful or troubling?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:23-25. Why do you think Paul encourages prophesy over tongues?
4. What do you think being Seeker Sensible means? How does it compare to being Seeker Sensitive?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. What is Paul’s overriding desire?
6. How far will Paul go to win others to Christ?
7. In what ways do overseas missionaries adapt themselves in order to become part of the culture they are ministering in?
8. If we were planting RP today what “shape” do you think it should take to best reach our community? Consider things like location, name, style of worship etc.
9. Using the words below pray for RP and its leaders, asking Jesus to help us do all we can to reach as many as possible.

***“What would make a church change a 100 years of traditions?  
The only answer is love. If we love the people who live where God has placed us, we will do what it takes to reach them. Love compels us to become all things to all people, so that by all means we may reach some.”***  
***(Ed Stetzer, Compelled by Love)***