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 - ▶ True biblical **community** is inseparable from the mission of the church.
 - ▶ True biblical **evangelism** is inseparable from the social responsibility of the church.
- **Quantitative Growth and Qualitative Growth**
 - ▶ The less-important question: How many people are **coming**?
 - ▶ The all-important question: What kind of people are we **producing**?
- **Worshipping and Witnessing**
 - ▶ They **unified** through their worship.
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 - ▶ Contemporary Misunderstandings:
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 - We measure success more by what happens when we **come in** than by what happens when we **go out**.
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As the church, when we give ourselves to His _____ and _____ His _____, we will experience His _____ the earth filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

The Bottom Line...

- "But I'm not _____ to foreign nations."
 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of our _____.
- "Wouldn't it be better for me to _____ than to go?"
 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of the _____.
- "But what about the needs _____?"
 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of _____.
- The danger of separating local and global...
 - Local _____%; Global _____%
 - .03% in _____% of the world.
 - 1 missionary for every _____ people.
- ▶ A Dynamic Alternative:
 - World-impacting _____.
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■ **Local and Global**

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 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of our **salvation** .
 - “Wouldn’t it be better for me to **give** than to go?”
 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of the **Gospel** .
 - “But what about the needs **here** ?”
 - Reflects an unbiblical understanding of **compassion**.
 - The danger of separating local and global...
 - Local **99.97%**; Global **0.03%**
 - .03% in **95%** of the world.
 - 1 missionary for every **1,240,000** people.
- ▶ A Dynamic Alternative:
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