

Appendix B: Mobilization Definition

We rightly confess with ancient creeds that the church is apostolic in nature.

- 1) It has been said that the church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.
- 2) While it is the nature of the church to be on mission with God, it is rarely, if ever, natural and automatic that Christians venture into costly mission endeavor without the teaching, challenge, counsel and encouragement of other Christians.
- 3) **When Christians intentionally inspire, instruct, mentor or equip fellow Christians to become engaged and fruitful in His mission, they are doing the work of mobilizing.**

The work of mobilization is normal and essential—a key part of ... disciple-making or spiritual formation. Those who serve as mobilizers often see themselves contributing to the entire process of how Christians and churches mature to be and to do all that Christ is calling them to live, to practice and to accomplish.

The term mobilization is sometimes used in a narrow sense to describe the work of recruiting and training specialized, cross-cultural mission workers. **“Although this is common in some circles, we use the idea of mobilization in its broadest sense of helping God’s people to move with God in His mission. The idea of getting God’s people to “move with” God is a useful analogy to describe how Christians participate with God as He fulfills His mission regardless of their location or vocation.”**

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