

### **Assignment for God Thoughts, Year Three, Missional Church**

Book: *Missional Church*, ed. by Darrell Guder (1998 William B. Eerdmans Publishing).

It is helpful to note these questions before reading the text. Reflect on each of the following questions. Limit your answers to no more than two pages for each question. Discuss your answers with your mentoring partner or group:

1. The term missional is very popular in evangelical circles these days. The book proposes a very specific way of understanding this term. Discuss how the understanding presented in this book challenges and compliments the way you understood this term before reading *Missional Church*. If it matches your understanding, then define your understanding of missional citing references from the text.
2. Missional, in this book, is largely theology in response to North American culture. In your experience what ways have you identified cultural (the world outside the church) shifts that your church or ministry has had to adapt to meet? Explain how this book helps you understand the shifts you have participated in to more effectively reach into your cultural context (the world you live in) with the Gospel. Describe some of the shifts that you see still need to take place to effectively be good news in your culture.
3. This book also challenges the way we understand the Gospel. Describe the ways that this book has helped you understand better the content of the Gospel. What are the implications that this understanding of the Gospel has on your personal life, your ministry and your church?

After you have shared your conclusions with your mentoring partner or group, send a copy of your completed material to your regional Thoughtworks coordinator to receive a certificate of completion for this course.