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The church's mission is based on its unique role in the world
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The church is the only group in the world that exists to bring people to an understanding of God. The primary work of the church must be to share the gospel. There are many other groups that are focused on study and fellowship, service and help, recreation, and moral encouragement. Many other groups meet physical needs—many of them do it better than the church does! Only the church preaches the gospel, administers a life-giving and life-affirming connection with Christ through baptism and the Supper, and helps believers engage in those good works that continue the chain of “disciples making disciples.” The church’s role is unique, and its first priority must be to fulfill its unique role.