

1. Which of the following refers to Jesus' instruction to his followers to spread his teachings to all nations? [1 mark]

A) The Mission B) The Great Commission C) The Great Condition D) The True Submission

2. Give two ways that Christians could spread Jesus' teaching. [2 marks]

Verbally, in written form, on social media, by inviting people to church, the alpha course etc.

3. Explain two aspects of the Church's mission. [4 marks]

Evangelism> spreading the Gospel> the good news> the message of Jesus and salvation

Social action> showing practical love to the community> caring and compassion in action> e.g. street pastors and food bank

4. Explain how running a food bank fulfils Christian teaching. [5 marks]

The Alpha Course is a form of evangelism because it teaches the message of Christianity to people> it teaches who Jesus was, who God is and other basic facts about the faith. On an Alpha Course people will normally be served food, this fulfils the social action section of the mission. "The Great Commission" (evangelism) The Sheep and the Goats (social action)

5. 'The mission of the church is failing.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

There is a rise in atheists in the world> this means that evangelism isn't happening/ isn't working> evangelism is a crucial part of the mission. There huge need in the world today> poverty overseas and in the UK> the church is not meeting the need.

Some Christians disagree:

For Christians are not in control of who becomes a Christian or who becomes an atheist, Christians are not in control of hunger – they are only in control of their response to it. Christians are commanded to give food to those who are hungry and water to those who are thirsty. Sheep and the goats/ love your neighbour> they are doing this in huge numbers. Thousands of street pastors now and hundreds of food banks run by churches across the UK. The Alpha course very popular and CfAN recording millions coming to faith

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: Just because the need isn't met doesn't mean the mission is failing – 1/3 of all people are Christian, poverty levels are improving and quality of life is going up