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In "The Mission of God's People," Wright argues that the mission of God's people is rooted in God's character and purposes, as revealed in the bible. He examines key biblical passages and themes, such as creation, covenant, redemption, and eschatology, to show how they inform and shape our understanding of God's mission and our role in it.

James settles the matter by reference to the prophetic Scriptures. He quotes from Amos 9 and affirms that what the prophet foresaw is now happening: the house of David is being restored, and the Gentile nations are being brought in to bear the name of the Lord."

Wright notes that even for Jesus, the foundation of the Great Commission was connected to "The Mission of the People." "Luke gives us the fullest account of how Jesus commissioned the disciples after his resurrection, and what is striking is the emphasis that Luke (and Jesus, of course) placed upon the understanding of the (Old Testament) Scriptures."

This leads me to think about how the disciples aligned with the work and our call. Wright also explores the implications of the church's mission for various areas of life, such as social justice, evangelism, and environmental stewardship. He emphasizes that the mission of God's people is holistic and multifaceted, encompassing both proclamation and demonstration of the gospel.

Overall, "The Mission of God's People" provides a comprehensive and biblically grounded theology of the church's mission and encourages Christians to participate in God's mission in the world actively. Wright notes that "Jesus went through the whole canon of the Old Testament ("Moses and all the Prophets") to explain how it all led up to him, the Messiah, and how his death and resurrection were the way God had kept his promise to Israel (Luke 24:13 – 27)."