

Our Purpose

Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:29-31

The Command: Make Disciples	
Disciple-making directives	Disciple-making priorities
"Go"	Seek the lost
"Baptize"	Build believers
"Teach"	Equip Workers

What is it about our experience of Jesus Christ that this community cannot live without?

Loving Relationships	
Love directives	Love priorities
Love God	Worship: heart, soul, mind, strength
Love the church	Unity
Love the World	Compassion

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

(John 13:34)

"The Great Commission and the Great Commandment must be held together in one thought. Because we love God, we love people. Because we love people, we make disciples. Try to make disciples without love gains nothing. And if we say we love people but never try to make disciples, then our love is a lie. As we love God, we love people. As we love people the way God loves us, we will be engage in making disciples."

Dann Spader, 4 Chair Discipling: Growing a Movement of Disciple-Makers, (Moody Publishers: Chicago, United States, 2014), 39.

Truths To Remember:

- Just as God the Father sent His Son Jesus, Jesus has sent us to do this mission while cooperating with the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-21)
- God is the one responsible for building the church, and so we need to keep in step with where He is working. Jesus said "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18)

- The church must be driven by God's mission. "Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission-- God's mission." (Wright, 2006, 62)
- We are kingdom citizens of God, and citizens must be involved in God's mission. (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10).

The Gospel is about the Kingdom

Luke 4:17-21- Jesus is the kingdom

Matthew 10:5-7- Kingdom of God is right here, in the life of Jesus, in his disciples.

Matthew 24:9-14- The gospel of the kingdom will be preached to all the world

Romans 14:17- Kingdom of God is all about keeping in step with the Holy Spirit through rightly living.

- We need to be different from the world, so that God's kingdom ideals will be personified in us so that the world may be drawn to God.

Do we gather and scatter because of God's purpose or because of something else?

Church Purpose:

Our purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him by making mature multiplying disciples.