

We're Called To A Divine Mission!

Mt. 5:14-15 (ESV)

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Why did Jesus come?

Luke 19:10 "I came to seek and save that which was lost."

Mark 10:45 tells us that Jesus came to serve,

John 10:10 say that He did it so that we might have eternal life,

Matthew 11:27 says that He came to reveal the Father,

1 Peter 2:21 and Matthew 11:29 tells us that He came to give us a pattern and example of how to live Godly,

1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14 tells us that He came to destroy the works of the devil.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to stir each other up to love and good deeds.

So, why does the Body of Christ exist?

We exist so that God can live in and among us and teach us as His "Bride" to love and be loved by Him...

And as His "Body", to love each other!

As His body, He teaches us to love those both inside and outside of the Church family.

Co-mmission = A MISSION that we accomplish together!

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The goal of the Body of Christ should be to always be involved and invested in what pleases the heart of God.

Introducing people to Jesus and instructing them how to follow Him is what pleases His heart!

A disciple is a person who has given Jesus the keys to his heart and life so that He can in return give them the keys to His Kingdom!

So how do we make disciples?

Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

I. Jesus said, “Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations”!

In other words... Live a life of trusting and following Jesus!

Go = as you are going

Faithfulness and obedience are expected by Jesus because He commanded us to make disciples.

And faithfulness and obedience can only come when we trust Him!

A person that does not follow Jesus will never reproduce a follower of Jesus!

So how do we live a life of faith and following Jesus?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

We learn to trust what God has said not what we see!

What will trusting God do in your life and lifestyle?

It will lead to a faith that is practical it will impact your daily decisions and interactions with people!

As we are praying for people, we can get God's heart for them!

- 1) Pray for the President and other government leaders.
- 2) Pray for your Pastors and leaders of this church for power, faithfulness and vision.
- 3) Pray for your family's and your relationship with Jesus to grow.
- 4) Ask God to reveal what He wants to do in and through you and your family.
- 5) Ask the Lord to show you which issues move your heart with compassion.

Don't lean on your limited knowledge for any of this...

- 6) Ask God to give you wisdom and the ability to make good decisions based on Biblical knowledge.

Don't forget also that Jesus said "ALL nations".

- 7) Ask God to show you a specific people group He wants you to adopt in your heart to pray for.

Families...

- 8) Ask God to show you another family in your community He wants you to, not only pray for, but also reach out to?

Jesus assumes you will GO if you trust Him and are following Him!

II. Jesus said, "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"!

Matthew 28:19-20(MSG) - "Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and

train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

III. Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"!

This means a few different things to us...

- * He never intended for us to do this alone in our own strength!
- * This is really His mission, but He is working through us as His earthly body to get the job done!
- * He knows that if we really know that He is with us, we will behave a lot better!

How can I be part of what COTP is really about?

- 1) Learn more about who we are through the infusion course.
- 2) Be faithful in attendance.
- 3) Be a participator, not just a spectator.
- 4) Read your Bible and spend time with God regularly.
- 5) Be willing to serve in ways that may not seem glorious sometimes.
- 6) As you grow in Christ, seek out others outside of the Church to lead to Christ and disciple and help them get plugged into the Church.

So... What should be our goals as a church family?

- * Look for the divine opportunities God gives us to introduce others to Him.
- * Look for the divine opportunities God gives us to teach others to follow Him.

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16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.