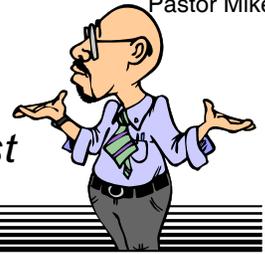


What Are We Doing Here?

An Important Reminder About Why We Exist



Matthew 28 ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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." (NIV)

1. Understand _____

** = Our church is here to

a)	= Our church is here to	
b)	= Our church is here to	
c)	= Our church is here to	

2. Use _____

a)		
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3. Let _____

a)		
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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. .

1. What are some of the consequences of a church losing sight of her God-given purpose (i.e., Mt. 28:19-20)?

How mindful of the purpose of the Church have you been over the past year? How does that remembrance of the Church's goals (or lack thereof) change the way you participate in our church?

2. In what way does a "consumer mentality" make God's mandated purpose unattractive to some churchgoers?

3. What can you do to keep the purpose of the Church in the forefront of your thinking?

4. Describe some ways in which you can *better* utilize the church (i.e., its people and programs) to see our biblical goals met in your life. (Consider each of the three components of Matthew 28:19-20.)

Reaching →

Teaching →

Training →

5. How can you get more involved in seeing these goals realized in the lives of others?
Be specific.

Reaching →

Teaching →

Training →

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Dt. 15-16 & Lk. 8

Monday

Dt. 17-18 & Lk. 9

Tuesday

Dt. 19-20 & Lk. 10

Wednesday

Dt. 21-22 & Lk. 11

Thursday

Dt. 23-24 & Lk. 12

Friday

Dt. 25-26 & Lk. 13

Saturday

Dt. 27-28 & Lk. 14

Here are some resources to help prepare you to participate more effectively in our church.

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