

What is the Mission of the Church?

1. To understand the _____ of the church, look at Christ's _____ on _____.

a. The **salt** of the earth.

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth."

b. We are the **light** of the world.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."

2. To understand the purpose of the church look at the _____ and _____ of the church.

a. **Body**

1 Corinthians 12:12

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

b. **Family**

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God.

c. **Flock**

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Peter 5:2

Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion.

d. Army

2 Timothy 2:4

No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

3. To understand the purpose of the church look at the

_____ of _____ and the _____
in the New Testament.

a. They taught.

Luke 4:18-19

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES.

b. Served.

Luke 4:18-19

..."AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

c. Sacrificed.

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

d. They witnessed.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

e. They took **care** of each **other**.

Acts 4:32

And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

f. **Prayed** together.

Acts 1:14

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer.

g. They **met** together, **ate** together, **praised** God together.

Acts 2:46-47

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

4. To understand the purpose of the church look at the

_____ of _____.

a. **Love** your neighbor.

Matthew 22:36-39

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "

"This is the great and foremost commandment.

"The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' "

b. **Go** into the world.

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

c. Make **disciples**.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

d. Be a **servant**.

Mark 10:42-44

Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

"But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all."

The mission of the church is . . .

5. The mission of the church is to grow _____ in
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6. The mission of the church is to grow _____ in
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7. The mission of the church to grow _____ in
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8. The mission of the church is to grow _____ through
_____.