

Class #4 Our Church's Mission & Life

I. Our Church's Mission:

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20)

- A. Make Disciples/followers of Jesus Christ by preaching the gospel
 - 1. Local evangelism
 - a. Weekly preaching the gospel from the pulpit
 - b. Equipping the saints for personal evangelism through BOLD course teachings, and providing tracts and Bibles (\$10K in our budget for Evangelism/missions/discipleship)
 - c. Providing various opportunities for the church to be a gospel witness in our state (Various nursing homes, Good Shephard mission, Street Evangelism, Abortion clinic outreach)
 - d. Church planting
 - 2. Supporting International Missions & other churches to carry out the Great commission through prayer, teaching and giving (10% of our budget goes to these endeavors)
 - a. The ministry of the month
 - b. International Missions: (Turkey (Tiegreens), Lebanon (Browns) , Papua Indonesia (Johnsons & Sniders), Hong Kong (Chungs), Nepal (Bhuvan), North India (Richardsons), Mexico (Dowdys), China (Remmers), Peru (Pardines)
 - c. Sending your pastors & brethren to minister abroad (Pastor Joe in Trinidad to teach a systematic theology course, me & Cynthia to the Middle East, and various brethren on Mission trips to Haiti & England)
 - d. Praying about sending out our own missionaries
- B. Teach the disciples all that Jesus has commanded
 - 1. Weekly Expository preaching through the books of the Bible, to help the disciples become mature & Christ like (Eph 4:11-16)
 - 2. BOLD courses (Courtship & marriage, Parenting, Evangelism, Apologetics, Trials & suffering...)
 - 3. Discipleship groups (2 Tim 2:2)
 - Our glorious Mission- Show forth the manifold wisdom of God in the gospel (Eph 3:7-11)

II. BOLF Church Life

New Testament church model: Acts 2:42-47

- They loved God's Word
- They loved each other sacrificially
- They shared the good news of Jesus with others

(These Christians Gathered together regularly in the temple courts to worship, they Lived life together- Meeting in their homes and breaking bread, they enjoyed and supported the leadership- the apostles, and they spent time together in prayer)

➤ Following the biblical model:

- A. Regular gatherings
 - 1. BOLD course modules to equip the believers
 - 2. Sunday Morning Service- Sing the Bible, Pray the Bible & Preach the Bible; Also calibrate Baptisms and the Lord's Supper
 - 3. Wednesday & Friday nights home groups
- B. Intentional Relationships
 - 1. Hospitality
 - 2. Discipling
 - 3. Small Groups
 - 4. Men's and Women's conference/retreats
- C. Biblical Leadership
 - 1. Plurality of elders
 - Biblically qualified (1 Tim 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9)
 - 2. Deacons
 - Biblically qualified (1 Tim 3:8-13 & Acts 6:3-6)
- D. Prayer
 - Praying through the prayer list
 - Once a month gathering as a church to pray