

# LESSON 1: BECOMING A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

## Our Training Goals

### 1 To Encourage Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Encourage each other and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11a (NLT)*

*Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don't get discouraged and give up. Galatians 6:9 (TLB)*

### 2. To Stretch Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper. Proverbs 19:8 (TEV)*

*How can you teach others when you refuse to learn? Romans 2:21a (CEV)*

*The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them. Proverbs 18:15 (TLB)*

### 3. To Sharpen Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*If the ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success. Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)*

### 4. To Strengthen Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Under [Christ's] direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other part grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)*

### 5. To Focus Our \_\_\_\_\_.

*But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day! Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)*

## ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH

**The Right Question: What is \_\_\_\_\_ my church from growing?**

**Growth comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

**Health comes from \_\_\_\_\_**

Every Church is directed by some force. These are the seven forces:

**1) By \_\_\_\_\_**

Force Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) By \_\_\_\_\_**

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**3) By \_\_\_\_\_**

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**4) By \_\_\_\_\_**

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**5) By \_\_\_\_\_**

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**6) By \_\_\_\_\_**

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**7) By \_\_\_\_\_**

Force Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Biblical Alternative: Become a \_\_\_\_\_ Driven Church!**

*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.  
Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)*

*"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."  
Matthew 16:18 (KJV)*

# DEFINING OUR CHURCH'S PURPOSE

## Why Is It Important?

### 1 It Builds \_\_\_\_\_.

*Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church...Be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:10 (TLB)*

*Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)*

### 2 It Reduces \_\_\_\_\_.

*You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm... Isaiah 26:3*

*The double-minded man can never keep a steady course. James 1:8*

*I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Isaiah 49:4 (NIV)*

### 3. It Allows \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. Philippians 3:13 (TLB)*

Efficiency: \_\_\_\_\_

Effectiveness: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. It Attracts \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Tell us how to proceed in setting things straight, and we will fully cooperate." Ezra 10:4b (TLB)*

*You have helped me in the work of the gospel... Philippians 1:5 (GNB)*

*If your goals are good, you will be respected. Proverbs 11:27 (GNB)*

### 5. It Assists \_\_\_\_\_.

*Examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)*

## THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH?

The Great \_\_\_\_\_.

**“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** as yourself. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

THE Great \_\_\_\_\_.

**“GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING THEM** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **TEACHING THEM TO [DO]** everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

### THE FIVE PURPOSES FOR THE CHURCH

1. “Love God with all your heart” \_\_\_\_\_
2. “Love your neighbor as yourself” \_\_\_\_\_
3. “Go ...make disciples” \_\_\_\_\_
4. “Baptize them” \_\_\_\_\_
5. “Teach them to DO” \_\_\_\_\_

### JESUS MINISTRY MODELED THESE 5 PURPOSE: JOHN 17:1-26 (NIV)

Verse 4 – “I have brought you glory on earth”

\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 6 – “I revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.”

\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 8 – “I gave them the words you gave me.”

\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 12 – “While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe.”

\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 18 – “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

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## **THE FIRST CHURCH FULFILLED THESE 5 PURPOSES: ACTS 2:41-47 (NIV)**

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and to fellowship ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

## **PAUL EXPLAINED THESE 5 PURPOSES: EPHESIANS 4:11-16 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## SUMMARIZE: THE CHURCH EXISTS TO...

### 1. CELEBRATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (WORSHIP)

“Exalt our Master”

*O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. Psalms 34:3(NRSV)*

*I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the Lord's house. Psalms 122:1 (GNB)*

### 2. COMMUNICATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (EVANGELISM)

“Evangelize our mission field”

*The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work the Lord Jesus gave me to do-to tell people the Good News about God's grace. Acts 20:24 (NCV)*

*“You will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8b (NIV)*

### 3. INCORPORATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (FELLOWSHIP)

“Encourage our members”

*You are member of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)*

### 4. EDUCATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (DISCIPLESHIP)

“Educate for maturity”

*Building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; until all become full-grown in the Lord. Ephesians 4:12b-13 (TLB)*

### 5. DEMONSTRATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (MINISTRY)

“Equip for ministry”

*To equip [God's people] for the work of ministry. Ephesians 4:12a (ESV)*

## COMMUNICATING OUR PURPOSE

It's not enough to simply define our purposes. The number one task of leadership is to continually clarify and communicate the purpose of the organization.

### FIVE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE VISION AND PURPOSE

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### ADOPT A PURPOSE DRIVEN SLOGAN

A GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ TO  
THE GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
THE GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ WILL GROW A GREAT \_\_\_\_\_.

### ADOPT A PURPOSE DRIVEN SLOGAN

Leading people to Jesus Christ and into His Kingdom family, to cultivate their Christ-like character into maturity in faith, equip them for their ministry in the church and lifelong mission in the world to magnify God's Name.

To summarize, \_\_\_\_\_ them in, \_\_\_\_\_ them up,  
\_\_\_\_\_ them how, and \_\_\_\_\_ them out.

Some ways to communicate their purposes to the entire congregation:

Discovery Classes, Annual message, monthly emphasis, print them in bulletin.

## EXPLAINING THE CHURCH'S PURPOSE

Purposes	Tasks	Acts 2:42-47	Objectives	Targets	Life Components	Basic Human needs	The Church Provides	Emotional Benefits
	Evangelize	Added to their number daily those who were being saved	Mission	Community	MY	Purpose to Live for	A Focus for living	Significance
	Exalt	They devoted themselves to breaking of bread and prayers...praising God.	Magnify	Crowd	MY	Power to Live on	A Force for living	Stimulation
	Encourage	Devoted to the fellowship...all the believers were together they ate together.	Membership	Congregation	MY	People to live with	A Family for living	Support
	Edify	They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching	Maturity	Committed	MY	Principles to Live by	A Foundation for living	Stability
	Equip	They gave to anyone as he had need.	Ministry	Core	MY	Profession to Live out	A Function for living	Self-Expression

Which of these purposes are you most passionate about? It's not enough to just define and communicate our purposes. We must apply the purpose to every area of our church's life.

**The Key to Applying the Purpose Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

We must have a system and structure in place to keep the five purposes in balance in our church.

### Most Churches Tend to Focus on Only One Purpose

Paradigms	Primary Focus	Pastor's Role	People's Role	Targets	Key Terms	Central Values	Tools Used	Source of Legitimacy
Soul Winning Church	Evangelism	Evangelist	Witnesses			Decisions for Christ	Visitation & Altar Call	Number Baptized
Experiencing God Church	Worship	Worship Leader	Worshippers			Personal Experience	Music and Prayer	The Spirit
The Family Reunion Church	Fellowship	Chaplain	Family Members			Loyalty and Tradition	Fellowship Hall & Food	Our Heritage
Bible Classroom Church	Education	Instructor	Students			Bible Knowledge	Notebooks & Screens	Verse by Verse Teaching
Social Conscience Church	Ministry	Reformer	Advocate			Justice and Mercy	Petitions & Placards	Number of needs met

### The Purpose Driven Church Insures Balance

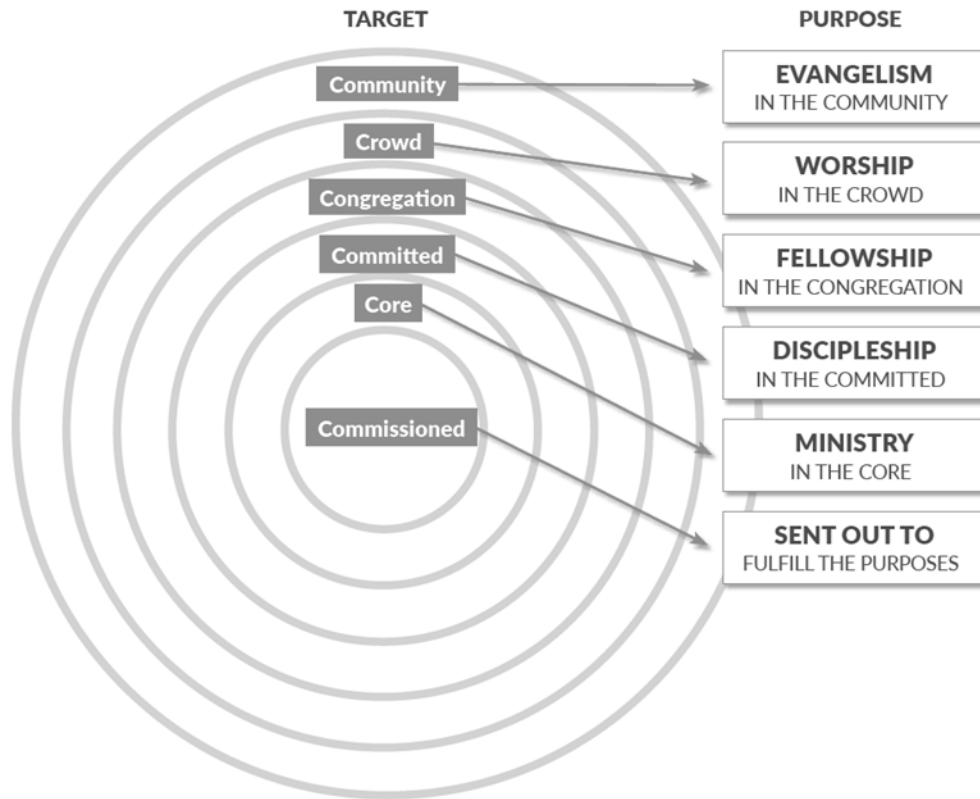
Purpose Driven Church	Balance all Five	Equipper	Ministers	All Five	Be and Do	Christ-like Character	Life Development Process	Changed Lives
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Only a purpose driven church strategy and structure can maintain balance.

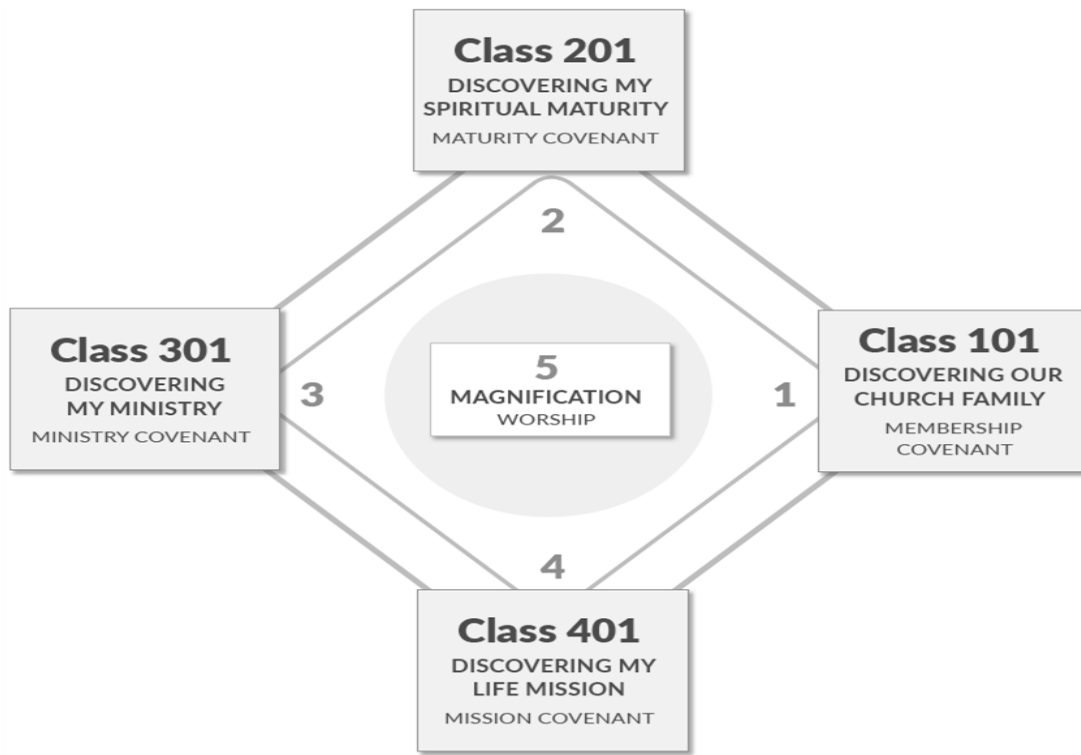


# HOW TO BALANCE THE FIVE PURPOSES

1. Identify Our Targets On Purpose. How big are our circles?



2. Educate Our People On Purpose.



## THE PRIORITIES OF A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

Priority #1: \_\_\_\_\_

God's purposes take priority over everything else.

Priority #2: \_\_\_\_\_

People are here to fulfill the eternal purposes of God.

Priority #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Programs are simply tools to help people fulfill the purpose.

Priority #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Property is simply a place to conduct programs to help people fulfill the purpose.

## PERSONAL AND CHURCH DISCUSSION EXERCISE

1. Which purpose do you feel most passionate about?
2. How could you better balance God's purposes in your own life?
3. Which of the five New Testament purposes has our church tended to emphasize the most? Which of the five purposes has our church tended to emphasize least?
4. What ideas do the symbols of the concentric circles and the diamond give you about how we can balance the five purposes in our church?