

Missional Community Groups for the Glory of God

Purpose of the Church:

"To bring glory to God by making disciples of all nations"

"TO BRING GLORY TO GOD"

God is all about bringing glory to his name!

1) God loved Israel for his name's sake!

Isaiah 48:9-11: "*For my name's sake* I defer my anger, *for the sake of my praise* I restrain it for you, that I may not cut your off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. *For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it*, for how should my name be profaned? *My glory I will not give to another.*"

2) God adopted you, gave you hope in Christ and gives you the Holy Spirit for his own praise!

Ephesians 1:3-13: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, *to the praise of his glorious grace*, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be *to the praise of his glory*. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, *to the praise of his glory.*"

3) God blesses us so that his name may be praised among all the nations!

Psalms 67:1-3: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on the earth, your saving power among all nations. *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*"

"BY MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"

God's command...

Matthew 28:19-20: "***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."

...for all disciples to be disciple makers.

Mark 1:17: "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Jesus was a disciple maker...

in order to seek and save the lost.

Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Jesus commands to make disciples at home and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Acts 2:42-47: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. ***And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.***"

1) Community

1. Worship

a. Studying the Word (Acts 2:42)

Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..."

b. Prayer

2. Sharing and giving (Acts 2:44-45)

3. Enjoying one another

2) Missional

1. Inviting friends and neighbors

2. Outreach projects and events