

• **Purposes Of The Church - Rocklyn Clarke Sr. - Sunday October 11, 2015**

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▼ **Good News**

- God loves us and gave us a good world to take care of.
- We turned away from God and became broken people in a broken world.
- God chose a people to rescue the world, but they turned away too.
- God rescued his people in Jesus, who lived as their King, died to save them, and rose from the dead to rule the world.
- God rescues us on his terms: following Jesus with his people as they demonstrate his Kingdom.

▼ **Mission Details**

- ▼ We enjoy knowing Jesus because we
Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37; Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1John 4:13-18
 - come to him even when we feel fear, inadequacy, guilt, and shame
 - overcome fear, inadequacy, guilt, and shame
 - with faith, intercession, grace, and sanctification.
- ▼ We follow Jesus together as his family by:
Mark 10:23-31; Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:31-37;
 - putting Jesus' words into practice by adopting godly habits,
 - devoting ourselves to intimacy with Jesus,
 - devoting ourselves to fellowshiping with and serving one another in love,
- ▼ We function together as his body by
Romans 12:1-16; 1Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16
 - developing our godly habits into skills,
 - genuinely loving our neighbors and promoting justice,
 - welcoming people and introducing them to Jesus as they get to know us
- ▼ We work together to expand his kingdom by:
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 1:1-10
 - developing our godly skills into successful ministries and businesses,
 - reaching out to and serving the un-churched and de-churched,
 - planting thriving churches
- ▼ We bring him glory by:
Exodus 33:12 - 34:7; John 17
 - maintaining unity with our brothers and sisters,
 - letting the world know how wonderful Jesus is through our words and actions,

▼ **Discussion Questions & Topics**

- Which "base" are you at now? What motivates you to grow? What hinders you?
- Where will you be in a year? How will you get there?

Following Jesus

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Our mission:

to teach people to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame, to follow him together as his family, to function together as his body, and to work together to expand his kingdom and bring him glory.

Disciples

We disciple the hungry
Life Church 201:
Feature the Story
Face Your Problems
Farm Your Land

Discipleship:
Functioning together as his body

Fellowship:
Following him together as his family

We equip leaders
Life Church 301:
Find Your Purpose

Leaders

Service:
Working together to expand his kingdom

Members

Evangelism:
Teaching people to enjoy knowing Jesus . . .

Worship
Bring him glory

We serve our community
Life Church 401:
Fulfill Your Mission

Attendees

We love our neighbors
We evangelize the curious
We welcome the willing
Life Church 101:
Follow the Message
Family Up

Community: People who might reasonably decide to attend. They call us: "that church".

Attendees: Everyone (Christian or not) who attends at least monthly. They call us: "this church".

Members: Christians, completed Life Church 101, committed to faithful attendance. Call us: "our church".

Disciples: Christians who have completed Life Church 201, committed to maturity.

Leaders: Christians who have completed Life Church 301, committed to leading others in service.

Community