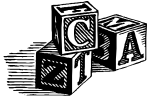


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Purpose of the Local Church in Identifying, Equipping, Sending, and Supporting the next generation of church planters for the Mission of God," (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 13:1-1-4; 18:3; Gal. 6:6-10; 2 Tim. 2:2).



Basic Ideas concerning Purpose.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know who we are and what we are to be doing as a local assembly.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to be a real and vital part of God's mission to the world through the church.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of serving Him by serving in and through His church.



Basic Questions concerning Purpose.

1. What about those who are not reproducing after their kind? Is the instruction we provide for the congregation, as a whole, different than that provided for those who might be Elders and Deacons?
2. How will I know if you are gentle or pugnacious, content or greedy of sordid gain?
3. Consider the following thoughts as they relate to instruction. How might these ideas be sharpened as it relates to the congregation as a whole and to those who would be Elders and Deacons? How are we going to go about doing this?
 - First, it should encompass all generations and should be age appropriate (contextual and cultural)
 - Second, it should emphasis, explore, and expand on character, gifting, and doctrinal instruction (i.e., the family within families [i.e., finances, parenting, work, marriage], the family of families [i.e., my place within the community of faith], and ministry expression within the community, the nation, and the world [i.e., churches planting churches])
 - Third, it should therefore be progressive ("lecture and dialogue")
 - Fourth, it should be intentional (identifiable)
 - Fifth, it should be historical (i.e., creedal and confessional)
 - Sixth, it should be inclusively evangelical (i.e., ecumenical)
 - Seventh, it should have as its outcome fully equipped Elders and Deacons and congregants who can strengthen their existing community of faith and establish new ones.
4. Do you believe that the local church has the responsibility to identify, equip, send, and support church planters?
5. How do you think this identifying process takes place?
6. How do you think this equipping process takes place?
7. What part do you have in either one? How might you engage in the process?
8. What are your thoughts as to how we might go about intentionally equipping all those who attend WBC?
9. What might this look like for our children and youth? How can we empower our families to enable and advance this mission?
10. Are you enabling us through your involvement and financial gifting to advance the mission of God in and through this community of faith?

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11. Although you do not need to be a member to serve or give, we would encourage you to throw your proverbial hat into the ring called WBC through membership. Regardless as to whether you are or are not a member, we love you and thank God for you.



Basic Application concerning Purpose.

1. Find out what we are about.
2. Join us through ministry involvement and financial gifting.

Waukesha Bible Church is a family of families seeking to live in **the Storyline of the Bible**. She is determined by design to have a **God-centered, Christ-exalting worship; a Word-centered teaching** focused on personal **discipleship** through intentional and systematic instruction; a **Global-impacting mission** that resolves to be a **church planting church**; and a **Grace-based fellowship** where disciples are invited to live under a **reigning grace** characterized by a **Gospel-driven sanctification** that celebrates a divine **monergism** to the Christian life.