

## WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE HERE FOR?

The Main Thing is to keep the Main Thing the Main Thing  
“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” Matt. 6:33

**What is the main thing? CHANGED LIVES!**

“In kindness God takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life change.” Rom. 2:4 (Mes)

**How do we keep the main thing the main thing?**

By fulfilling the 5 purposes of the church

## THE 5 PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH

The Great Commandment: “Love the Lord your God with all the your heart soul, mind, and strength. This is the first great commandment. Now the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 22:36-40)”

The Great Commission: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.” Matt. 28:19-20 (NLT)

1. **WORSHIP** “Love the Lord your God with all the your heart soul, mind, and strength”
2. **MINISTRY** “. . . love your neighbor as yourself.”
3. **EVANGELISM** “Go . . . make disciples”
4. **FELLOWSHIP** “. . . baptizing them . . .”
5. **DISCIPLESHIP** “Teach them all things . . .”

### The Guiding Principle Of Our Church: **WHATEVER It Takes!**

“Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!” 1 Cor. 9:22 (Message)

(Paul) "I have been all things to all sorts of people that by any possible means I might win some to God. I do all of this for the sake of the Good News." 1 Cor. 9:22-23 (Ph)

## WHO ARE WE TRYING TO REACH?

The **UNCHURCHED** = **Lost** and **Inactive** Christians

So What?

**So Be a part** - "You are a member of God's very own family. You belong in God's household with every other Christian." Eph. 2:19

**So Do a part** – “Men, (Paul & Barnabas), have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 15:26