

# "Job One"

## **What in the world is the church up to?**

Entertainment in place of worship  
Inspiration in place of discipleship  
Therapy in place of transformation

## **Look at Jesus' job description** (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

Make disciples (not just followers, learners)  
Baptizing (not just attendees, members)  
Teaching obedience (not just information, practice)

## **What kind of church is really revived?** (*Acts 2:42-47*)

*Devoted to the life of the church:*

Teaching of the leadership  
Fellowship with the believers  
Worship in the community  
Prayer without ceasing

## **What is the responsibility of leadership?** (*Eph. 4:11-13*)

Answer the call  
Equip God's people  
Insist on maturity

## **Characteristics of mature Christians:** (*Eph. 4:14-16*)

Doctrinal understanding (no longer infants)  
Christ-like behavior (speaking the truth in love)  
Spiritual growth (growing in love)

## **Our church's intergenerational vision:**

Worship for the whole family (Sunday morning worship)  
Discipleship for the whole family (Sunday School)  
Renewal for the whole family (Wednesday evening)  
Healing for the whole family (Celebrate Recovery)

## **Two things I must always remember:**

I cannot grow without the church  
The church cannot grow without me

## **Matthew 28:17-20**

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **Acts 2:42-47**

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.  
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## **Ephesians 4:11-16**

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 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.

14 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 men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 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.

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**How do I stop getting updates?**

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# Sermon Notes

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***Matthew 28:17-20***

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