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What is Our Purpose?

As churches begin to regather and refocus, now is a great time to ask some essential questions.

What is our purpose?

If the purpose of the church is inward, then the church will continue to lose members and die. For instance, the purpose of the church should not be to see how long you can keep the doors open. Healthy churches have an outward focus. The purpose of the church should be to serve others and proclaim the good news. Christians are called to continue the ministry and mission of Jesus.

What is my role in helping the church achieve its purpose?

The church is the people. Healthy and thriving churches are ones where church members are actively involved in the ministry and mission of the church. Churches will not survive if they rely solely on a small group of people to do all the work. People will experience burnout. Leaders will resign. Ministers will leave. Church is more than what one does for one hour on Sunday. It is working side by side with other Christians to accomplish the will of God in your community.

What do we want to accomplish as a church?

Once the church knows its purpose and understands the mission to which it has been called, it is time to get specific. Every congregation needs to have goals. If not, they will likely accomplish nothing. Imagine what your church can do. Identify how you are going to serve your neighbors. Name the areas where you want to work. Discuss the spiritual growth you want to see take place. Communicate this vision to the body of Christ.

How do we accomplish our goals?

Now that you have goals, how are you going to achieve them? Begin with prayer. God should be involved throughout every step of this process. It is his mission, not yours. Create a plan, and identify how these goals can be achieved. Involve as many people as you can. The church is on mission, not just the minister or a select few. Go and do. Continually remind yourselves that you are a church with a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Jesus. You are a people on mission.

- Scott Elliott

Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

Study Questions Luke Chapter Ten

1. If Jesus had twelve disciples helping Him, why did He need seventy more?
2. What were the 70 to take with them? Was there mission different then before?
3. What is a city rejecting if they reject those who are sent? What does that teach us today?
4. What was the result of the 70 being sent out? What should they rejoice in?
5. What does it mean that Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven (vs18)?
6. How were the disciples blessed (vs 23-24)?
7. Why did Jesus tell the parable of the good Samaritan?
8. What was the response of those that found the injured man?
9. Who do we most represent in the parable?
10. What are the differences between Martha and Mary?
11. How had Mary chosen the good part (desert)?
12. What else do we know about Martha and Mary?

Chapter ten of Luke gives us some great teaching. Jesus has turned His face toward Jerusalem (9:52). He knows His mission and sets in motion the events that will lead to the cross. He is determined to prepare His disciples for the task of leading the church. They are still far from where they need to be, jockeying for position. Jesus, when asked about inheriting eternal life, answers with a question of His own. When pressed, He tells a parable. This parable is one that is known to many even outside of the church. It has eternal meaning and reaches most of us at a moral level. The compassion that the "enemy" had, has been depicted in movies and literature for a long time. Why do we feel a need to help those who are hurting? How can we become desensitized and not see? Who is my neighbor? We will be discussing these and other topics from chapter ten. I invite you join us as seek to understand our Lord and savior more deeply. Seek to understand the cultural and historical back drop of Luke's gospel. All to have a more rich and vibrant view of our Lord.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Call Laura Fry or
360-876-2604
for Zoom Meeting ID

Our Prayer List

- Pray for Ken Avery's recovery from surgery.
- Pray for Renny Woodrow and his family over the passing of Darlene.
- Pray for Sarah Benjamin whose grandmother passed away. Pray for her grandfather who has blood cancer.
- Continue to pray for René Powless' mother Irene for her comfort. Also, pray for René, who takes care of her on the weekends.
- Continue praying for Tim Colwell.
- Karen Taylor has requested prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing, both physically and spiritually.
- Frankie Gower as she awaits definite dates for surgery. Pray also for the medical staff.
- Pray for the Fry's traveling to meet up with Rochelle and her children who are traveling from Honduras to spend time with Lisa, Daniel, Darrell and Laura.
- Pray for Daniel's continued healing.
- Pray for Rosalie Palmer who is traveling to the Carolina's to be with her granddaughter.
- Pray for Oilda Harris' daughter, Frances who lives in California; that God will watch over both of them.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.



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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
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- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

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|  <p>MASK UP. SIX FEET. SMALL GROUPS. It takes all THREE.</p> | <h2>Sunday Worship</h2> <p>There WILL be “in-person” worship on April 25, 2021</p> <p>Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</p> |  |
| <p><i>Speaker:</i> Trent Herbert <i>Prayer:</i> Jon Powless <i>Communion:</i> Dave Snyp</p> | <p>You may also worship from the Parking Lot: Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.</p> | |

Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:15am

Adult Class: James Greer is teaching a class upstairs in the auditorium.

Children’s Class will be downstairs in the open fellowship area; not in classrooms. Helpers are needed. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

Worship in the auditorium begins at 10:30am

The schedule for worship leaders is now open: prayer leader, communion leader, scripture reader, or preaching a sermon. Check the online calendar for preacher or communion leader openings.

<http://pococ.weebly.com/news--events.html>

Please contact the office to volunteer. If you would like help to prepare, let us know.

Children’s Church downstairs: Children will be dismissed after communion.

Please contact the church office if you would like to assist!

We think it’s important for the children and adults to come together in worship. We will be following all of the protocol necessary to do that safely!

Happy Birthday!

April: Jasper Smith – 22, Lori Sanders – 28.

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Anna Harris – 4, John Bickle – 5, Brandon Delay – 9, Julia Karn – 17, Jason Hooper II – 19, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill - 31

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app. The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

Warming Center

Changes are coming soon, but clothes are still being collected. Continue to pray for the homeless in our community. God Bless each one. Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

April 18, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,605.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

“Amazing Grace” Jam - Acappella

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

etc., etc., etc.



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