Our Call As a Church

Colossians 1:28-29
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** God's love for people is so great that He promised immediately after sin entered the world that He would send us a Savior. He has entrusted this Gospel (Good News) to the Church and all disciples of Jesus. The call of God to the church and individual Christians can be summarized in 4 words: Love, Grow, Serve, and Go.

28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Colossians 1:28–29 (ESV)

> *Our message is Jesus. Our purpose is to see people come to faith in Him and then to become mature disciples who follow Him in all things. The Holy Spirit is the One who leads us and empowers us in our ministry of reaching & teaching.*

HOW DOES IT ALL FIT TOGETHER?

God loves you so much that He gave His Son Jesus so you could be forgiven and restored to a relationship with the God who created you. He calls us to love Him with all we are and to love people as we love ourselves.

That is just the beginning of the life you're called to – He expects you to ***grow*** – to experience a life transformed by the work of Christ as you spend time in God's Word, pray, give, and live in relationship to other disciples.

Transformed people will have ***servant-hearts***, just like Jesus. All true service flows from understanding we are serving Christ as we serve others.

Finally, followers of Jesus are ***going*** people. As we love God and people, serve God and people, and daily grow in our relationship with God, we will be passionate about going into the world ***making disciples***

LOVE: God loved us and in love draws us to Himself. He sent the Son to be our Savior. In Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God. Christ took our sin and gives us His righteousness.

God enables us to love Him and others.

Romans 5:8; Matthew 22:36-37; Matthew 22:39

GROW: When one places faith in Christ that is just the beginning of our life with God. A Christian's life should be transformed by the work of Christ as you spend time in God's Word, pray, give, and live in relationship to other disciples. Romans 8:29

SERVE: One aspect of a transformed disciple who is loving God and loving people is that Jesus gives us a servant heart just like His. In fact, all true service flows from understanding we are serving Christ as we serve others. John 21:15; 1 Peter 4:10-11

GO: True followers of Jesus are ***going*** people. As we love God and people, serve God and people, and daily grow in our relationship with God, we will be passionate about ***making disciples. We will practice this in our personal lives and relationships, in praying for the lost and the nations, and in supporting those who go places to share Christ with others.***

Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 67:1-3

"Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does." ***—Bill Hull***