**LET’S ASSESS IT!**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

Premise: Ministry is a movement. To fulfill God’s plan and purpose for our lives and for the life of our church, we cannot become complacent or stagnant. We must get *On the Move*! To accomplish this, we must honestly examine who we are, where we are, and what we are as a ministry, and with boldness, begin making the necessary changes to fulfill God call (Ephesians 2:10).

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

**Assess, Evaluate, Examine**

1 Corinthians 1:10

“Speaking the same things” cuts down on confusion.

“Speaking the same things” gives clear instruction and direction to the congregation.

“Speaking the same things” quiets competing voices.

We do not have to be carbon copies of one another; however, we should have the same view regarding doctrine, standards, and basic Biblical beliefs.

St. Luke Baptist Church Purpose Statement

* “To win people to Christ (evangelism), develop them to Christ-like maturity (discipleship), while cultivating relationships with one another (fellowship), in order to magnify God’s name (worship).”

Four Key Elements

* Evangelism
* Discipleship
* Fellowship
* Worship

These key elements give us the focus needed to complete our mission.

Our mission is the work to which Christ called every believer in the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20

Our Mission Statement:

We exist to Disciple people for God while Demonstrating the love of God; therefore, Christ’s last command is our first concern.

When we talk about “mission” what do we mean? \*What is Mission?

Mission is what motivates us to do and to act. Mission is what ***drives*** us.

Drive – to guide, control, and direct. Every church is driven by something.

Some churches are driven by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In this church, the goal is to *perpetuate the past*. Change is viewed negatively, and stagnation is seen as stability.

This church is bound together by rules, regulations, and rituals. Furthermore, tradition can be so strong in this church that everything else, even God’s will, becomes secondary.

The favorite phrase of the “tradition-driven” church is:

“We have never done it this way before.”

Some churches are driven by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In this church, things come to a standstill when the driving personality is absent, leaves, or dies.

People tend to state that the church/service “just isn’t the same” without that particular personality present.

The most important question in the “personality-driven” church is, “What does the leader want?”

Some churches are driven by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In this church, nothing else ever seems quite as important as finances.

Further, finances become the controlling issue for this church.

The primary question of the “finance-driven” church is, “How much will it cost?”

“Churches do not exist to make profit. The bottom line in any church should not be ‘How much did we save?’ but ‘Who was saved?’” – Rick Warren

Some churches are driven by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In this church, all the energy is focused on maintaining and sustaining the programs of the church.

Often, this church’s goal shifts from developing people to just filling positions. No one ever questions if a program still works.

Some churches are driven by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In this church, there is plenty of activity but not necessarily productivity.

This church may be busy without having a clear purpose for what it does.

The most challenging question for this church is, “What is the purpose behind each of our activities?”

The question which must be carefully considered then is, “What drives us at SLBC?”

Our Mission Statement (Read this together):

We exist to Disciple people for God while Demonstrating the love of God; therefore, Christ’s last command is our first concern.

We must be driven (*guided, controlled and directed*) by Christ’s last command (Great Commission) and the “Great Commandment”!

**Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:28-30**

Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great Commission

It has been shared at SLBC and bears repeating here. The “Great Commission”, some of Christ’s last words to His disciples, is our primary mission.

This mission can be summarized in four words:

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All that is done at SLBC should be motivated and driven by these four words!

Our mission is to Go make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey everything that Jesus taught.

Mark 12:28-30 – The Great Commandment

This is to be done in the power of the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-30).

Jesus states that this commandment is the summation of the entire Old Testament.

We are to love God with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves.

“A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church!” – Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Church

**Our missional purposes are contained within these two powerful verses.**

Matthew 28:19-20

Go make disciples – **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Baptizing them - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Teaching them to obey – **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Mark 12:28-30

Love the Lord with all your heart – **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Love your neighbor as yourself - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

THIS IS OUR MISSION!

When our Purpose is clearly stated and our mission is plainly defined, we become more effective in ministry!

**DIRECTION**

Assess – Evaluate - Examine

Spend some time this week repeating/memorizing our Mission and Purpose Statements