**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

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

What are we assessing, evaluating, and/or examining?

* **Our Statements**
* Our Systems
* Our Structure
* Our Strategies

Our Statements

SLBC 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).”

Five Missional Purposes

* Evangelism
* Discipleship
* Fellowship
* Worship
* Service

Our Mission can be found in two Bible passages:

* Matthew 28:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mark 12:28-30 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SLBC Mission Statement:

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

Our mission can be summarized with four words:

**Go** => **Preach** => **Baptize** => **Teach**

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

Matthew 28:19-20

Go make disciples – **Evangelism**

Baptizing them - **Fellowship**

Teaching them to obey – **Discipleship**

Mark 12:28-30

Love the Lord with all your heart – **Worship**

Love your neighbor as yourself - **Service**

Mission tells us what we are to do.

Purpose tells us how we are to do it.

Vision projects what we will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\*When you hear the word “vision” what images come to mind?

When we talk about vision, we are speaking about what we see, imagine, visualize, foresee, expect, our mission and purpose to accomplish.

Let’s get practical\*. Do you serve on a ministry team? Identify that ministry team below:

Ministry Team \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List some things that your ministry team does currently (not events):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What would you like to see your ministry team accomplish (not events):

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Vision helps me to better identify what my target is!

Vision is *vital* to carrying out God’s will for our lives.

**Proverbs 29:18**

In Proverbs 29:18, the word “vision” is translated as “revelation”. Thus, when we talk about “vision” for our church, ministry, lives, we are speaking about having received *revelation* from God.

\*Has God given you revelation about the ministry team you serve with? Your church? Your life?

Purpose gives me focus.

Mission gives me a reason.

Vision gives me a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

\*Revisit the “Let’s get practical section”.

SLBC Vision Statement

St. Luke Baptist Church envisions…

* People placing their faith in Jesus Christ through biblical evangelism;
* People experiencing order and freedom in and through wholehearted corporate worship;
* People growing spiritually through inspired biblical preaching/teaching;
* People finding community and family through biblical fellowship;
* People living out their faith through service.

Please note that our purpose and vision statements contain our missional purposes.

Purpose/Mission/Vision must be clearly communicated within our church.

Purpose/Mission/Vision must be transferred from

Senior leadership => Lower-Level leadership => Congregation

**Exodus 18:24-26**

How are purpose and vision communicated?

* Scripture
  + Teaching Biblical truth about the church. Show how the church’s vision is biblically based and undergirded by Scripture.
* Symbols
  + Visual representations of concepts which help people understand them.
* Slogans
  + People tend to remember slogans, mottoes, and quips long after sermons are forgotten. “The Church on the Move” “We are created with a purpose…”
* Specifics
  + Practical, clear, concrete action steps that explain how we intend to fulfill our purpose. A vague vision is unattractive. Nothing becomes dynamic until is becomes specific.

**DIRECTION**

Assess – Evaluate - Examine

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

*\*Lessons adapted from ‘The Purpose Driven Church’ by Rick Warren*