

I. Our Never-ending Vertical Mission

Our highest calling as the Church is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever. Glory is a term that describes the weight/intensity/immeasurable & supreme value of God.

A. The goal of glorifying God (1 Pet. 4:11) - "That God in all things may be glorified."

This is to become all-encompassing to us. Motivated by our first and highest love being to God, we intentionally order our lives to be lived out in a manner that manifests the beauty and worth of God.

B. The commitment to glorifying God (1 Cor. 10:31) - "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Glorifying God has respect to all the persons in the Trinity; it respects God the Father who gave us life; God the Son, who sacrificed His life for us; and God the Holy Ghost, who produces a new life in us; we must bring glory to the whole Trinity.

C. The intrinsic glory of God – God is supremely glorious in and of Himself

- 1. He is called the God of glory (Acts 7:2)**
- 2. He will not share His glory with any other (Isaiah 48:11)**
- 3. No human may approach or obtain His glory (Romans 3:23)**

D. The ascribed glory of God – Humankind is created to reveal & proclaim His glory

Psalm 29:2. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

- 1. In what we say (1 Chron. 16:24-29) - God commissions us to make His glory known**
- 2. In how we think (1 Cor. 2:7-8) – We pursue wisdom to renew our minds so that we understand His Word & ways**
- 3. In how we live (1 Cor. 6:20, Phil. 1:20) – We are commanded to glorify Him in spiritual worship & physical service**

From our neverending vertical mission, there flows a present horizontal mission

II. Our Limited-Time Horizontal Mission

"What should be the mission of the Church?"

Answer: The church is the creation of Father, founded and owned by Jesus Christ - "I will build My church", and directed and energized by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is the church's joy to look to God Himself to explain His design for the church and His mission for it.

A. The outward mission of the Church is to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20) - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Making disciples = evangelizing, partnering, teaching, training, releasing

A disciple is a follower, someone who attaches himself to his leader. Therefore, we reason, Jesus sent the church on its mission to acquaint people in every place with Himself. As the church makes disciples, people can admire, worship, trust, follow, and obey Jesus as their Savior and Lord. The church's members, having become enamored of Jesus Christ, assemble around Him as Master, Leader, Savior, and Friend. Our joyful mission is to put Him on display to every nation.

B. The inward mission of the Church is to mutually serve and edify one another (1Thess. 5:11; 1 Cor. 12:25-26)

Jesus is the chief Cornerstone and the church is likened to a building becoming a completed temple of God. Jesus Christ designed His Church to visibly display God's family on earth, so that the unbelieving world can see how God builds His family around Jesus Christ, and how that family cares for one another.

C. How will our missions base advance the mission of the Church?

1. Vertically – through current 24/7 prayer and worship & future recruitment/support of intercessory missionaries

2. Inwardly – through the various ministries of New Bridge Church #family #community #partnership

3. Outwardly – through international missions (Finish the Task, Send56, Forerunner Church, campus ministries)