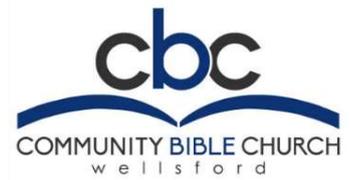


The Church - Part 2: Purpose

Selected Scriptures – SERMON OUTLINE

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What is the Purpose of the Local Church?

1) The Big Picture Purpose:

- *The purpose of the church is to display the _____, mercy and grace of God to all the _____, through the proclamation of the _____, and the salvation of sinners.*

2) The Practical Purpose of the Local Church:

- To fulfil “The _____” (Matt 28:16-20)
 - *This includes both _____ AND _____*
 - *You can’t disciple people, until people are _____, and people won’t get saved until the gospel is _____!*

The 3-fold purpose of the local church: (CBC Mission Statement):

- 1) TO _____ GOD (through a lifestyle of _____)
- 2) TO _____ BELIEVERS (through a lifestyle of _____)
- 3) TO _____ THE LOST (through a lifestyle of _____)

- This is the outworking of “The Great _____” (Matt 22:37-40)
 - *To wholeheartedly love _____, and genuinely love _____ (CBC Vision)*

The Means of Grace within the Local Church:

- What are the “means of grace”?
 - God’s W_____ [2 Timothy 3:16-17]
 - P_____ [Philippians 4:6-7]
 - W_____ [Ephesians 5:18-21]
 - F_____ [John 13:34-35]
 - Church D_____ [Galatians 6:1]
 - B_____ [Acts 8:12]
 - C_____ [1 Corinthians 11:23-26]

- Why are these means of grace important?

1. They are God's appointed _____ by which the Holy Spirit enables believers to receive and experience _____ and the benefits of _____.
2. They help believers to be _____ for service, and to _____ in spiritual maturity.
3. Without the means of grace, then church would be nothing more than a _____ gathering, or a moralistic/humanistic organisation that is entirely disconnected from any true _____ reality.

A Definition of The Local Church (A people defined by their purpose):

A group of believers within the same locality, who are dedicated to fellowshiping with each other for the purpose of mutual encouragement, discipleship and accountability, and committed to meeting together regularly, for the purpose of corporate worship, Bible teaching, prayer and communion, under the leadership of Biblically qualified elders, that they might be equipped to take the gospel to the lost.

(To _____ Christ and to _____ Christ known)

- This is all carried out under the _____ of Christ and for God's _____.

What kind of place does that church then become?

- A _____ for Christ in the community.

[Acts 1:8]

- A _____ of God through the gathering of Spirit-filled believers.

[Ephesians 2:19–22]

- A place where God's Word is _____ and _____.

[1 Timothy 3:14–15]

- A place where _____ are made through the teaching of the Word of God

[Colossians 1:27–29]

- A place where believers who are already committed to one another in fellowship, meet regularly to have corporate _____, prayer, communion and minister to one another according to their _____.

[Ephesians 4:11–16]