

Otterbein: A Church That Cares

A lot of people believe that it is only the pastors who are supposed to do ministry.

Pastors are supposed to equip the church
(all believers) for ministry.

¹¹ So **Christ Himself** gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to **equip His people** for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be **built up** ¹³ until we all reach **unity in the faith** and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the **whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

Ephesians 4:11-13

Jesus didn't call His disciples to simply follow Him around; He **equipped** them to **continue His ministry**.

If we want to be a **movement** for all people
to **discover** and **deepen** their relationship
with Christ, we need to **act!**

Come See → **Come Help** → **Come Do** →
Go Do → **Go Invite** → **Go Teach**

Jesus is Calling

- 1) Jesus Calls Us to Learn
(Come See, Come Help)

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “**where are you staying?**”

³⁹ “**Come,**” he replied, “**and you will see.**”

So they went and saw where He was staying, and **they spent that day with Him.**

It was about four in the afternoon.

John 1:37-39

At first, “Come See” is as simple as, “Let’s spend some time together.”

“Come See” invites others to watch what I
do.

“Come Help” invites others to do it with
me.

“Come See”

**Sunday Worship, Discipleship Classes,
Prayer Meetings, Student Ministry, Kid's
Ministry, VBS, Fundraisers**

“Come Help”

**Visitation, Serve Saturdays, School
Adoption, Discipleship Training, Parent's
Night In, Parent's Night Out, VBS, Missions,
Single's Ministry, Divorce Care, Grief Share**

We **don't equip** people just to know more about Jesus. We equip people so that they become more like Jesus and **do what Jesus did.**

Evangelism classes aren't simply about learning different techniques or methods to share the Gospel. They orient our lives to look for opportunities to **REACH THE LOST.**

Bible studies aren't about aquiring more knowledge. They encourage and empower us to live the life that Christ came to give us.

What are you intentionally learning **right now** that is **preparing** you to serve Jesus better?

Jesus is Calling

- 1) Jesus Calls Us to Learn
(Come See, Come Help)
- 2) Jesus Calls Us to Serve
(Come Do, Go Do)

³⁷ But He answered, “**You give them something to eat.**”

They said to Him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “**How many loaves do you have?**” He
asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and
two fish.”

He gave them to **His disciples**
to the people. He also divid⁸
among them all. ⁴² They all at
atisfied, ⁴³ and the **disciples** pi
elve basketfuls of broken piece
bread and fish.

Mark 6: 37-38; 4

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Our faith is better caught than taught.

Remember, the pastor's job is not to do the ministry of the church by themselves. Their job is to equip the church to do the ministry that God has created them to do.

The question **changes from**, “What ministry does our church provide for me?” **to**, “What ministry has **God equipped me** to provide through the church?”.

“Come Do”

**If you don't know how God has gifted and
equipped you, come to our Spiritual
Giftings class this fall.**

“Go Do”

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

Luke 10: 1-3

Every believer has a calling. Every believer
has a gifting. Every believer has a ministry.

Where are you serving right now where
God can use what **He has gifted** you with?

Jesus is Calling

- 1) Jesus Calls Us to Learn
(Come See, Come Help)
- 2) Jesus Calls Us to Serve
(Come Do, Go Do)
- 3) Jesus Calls Us to Multiply
(Go Invite, Go Teach)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Therefore **go and make** disciples of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them** to obey everything I have **commanded** you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 18-20

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am **sending** you.”

John 20: 21

Jesus' original invitation was to, “Come follow me.” Near the end of His ministry, it shifted to, “Go make disciples.”

“Go Invite”

Bring people to church. Invite them to a prayer meeting. Expand your small group.

“Go Teach”

**Help others become disciple making
disciples.**

Evangelism isn't something reserved for people with the "gift of evangelism." Every Christian has **people in their lives** that God has placed there on purpose so they can reach them.

**“Come with me and I will show you what
following Jesus **looks like.**”**

The ultimate goal of equipping isn't participation...It's multiplication.

Come See - Learn from Jesus



Come Help - Serve alongside some



Come Do - Begin using your gifts. The goal of equipping isn't



Go Do - Take ownership of ministry. It's multiplication.



Go Invite - Bring others alongside of



Go Teach - Equip someone else

The goal of **discipleship** is to build a church **movement** where everyone is being equipped to minister to their “**One More.**”

Learn Something

Discover Something

Do Something

(Don't just come to church...**BE THE
CHURCH**)