

What's the Point?

Open with Prayer Requests

Read Matthew 28:18–20 and Luke 19:10

- Jesus describes His mission clearly in these passages. How do these verses help clarify *why* the church exists?
- In what ways can churches (or individual Christians) drift from God's mission without realizing it?

Read Acts 2:42–47

- What different *functions* of the church do you see in this passage?
- How do these functions serve a greater *reason* or purpose?
- Why is it important to distinguish between the church's functions and its reason for existence?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:23–25

- According to Paul, why does intelligibility matter in worship gatherings?
- How should the presence of unbelievers shape the way we gather, worship, and communicate?
- What are some modern ways churches may unintentionally make worship confusing or inaccessible to outsiders?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–8

- Why does Paul call the gospel "of first importance"?
- What dangers arise when the gospel is altered, minimized, or assumed rather than clearly proclaimed?

Read Romans 10:13–17

- What role does understanding and proclamation play in God's plan to save the lost?
- How does this passage reinforce the importance of being grounded in Scripture?
- In what ways are you personally involved in the chain Paul describes here?

Read Matthew 22:37–40

- How is love for others connected to the mission of reaching the lost?
- Why is salvation ultimately the most loving desire we can have for someone?
- How does loving the lost stretch us beyond comfort, preference, or familiarity?
- What is one practical way you can align your priorities more closely with God's heart this week?
- How can our group encourage one another to live intentionally *for the sake of the lost*?

Closing Prayer