



"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

- 1 Corinthians 3:9-11 -

- _____ an Apostle

ἀπόστολος

ἀθλητάς

στῦλοι

"And he called to him his twelve disciples... The names of the twelve apostles are these: ...Peter... Andrew... James.... John... Philip... Bartholomew... Thomas... Matthew... James the son of Alphaeus... Thaddaeus... Simon the Zealot... and Judas Iscariot... These twelve Jesus sent out..."

- Matthew 10:1-5

- _____ the Work of the Apostles

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves..." - Matthew 10:16-25

- _____ the Apostles

"Let us come to those champions who lived nearest to our time. Let us consider the noble examples that belong to our own generation. Because of jealousy and envy the greatest and most righteous pillars were persecuted and fought to the death. Let us set before our eyes the good apostles."

1 Clement 5.1-3

What's our move?

- 1) _____ our purpose
- 2) _____ to mission
- 3) _____ leaders and visionaries

*"The church is called to be a **dynamic movement** rather than a static institution."*

- Stephen Addison -

We believe the purpose of the Church is to proclaim God's redemptive mission.

We believe God commissioned the Church to declare the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. We believe the Church does that primarily through worship, fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, and service. In worship, we stand in awe of God's power and celebrate God's love for us (Psalms 105:2-3). In worship, we respond by giving God glory, honor, and praise through music, prayer, testimony, and the reading and teaching of Scripture (Psalms 95:6-7). In fellowship, believers gather together, living out our commitment to love one another. In evangelism, we desire the Holy Spirit to add to the Church those who by God's grace are saved through Jesus. In discipleship, we follow the call to teach and obey all things commanded by him. In service, we care for one another and seek to meet the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of others (Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37).

Jesus commissioned the Church to make disciples of all people. We believe we are called to share the Gospel in every culture and among all peoples (Matthew 28:19-20). The central purpose of the Church is to proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth (Acts 13:47).

- Churches of God, General Conference, What We Believe (July 2013; cggc.org)



Leadership: Raising Up Leaders

Purpose: To develop leaders who influence their ministry context so it becomes all that God intends.

We believe that the church must identify and train servant leaders who have the calling, character, competence, and conviction to inspire and equip others to discern and accomplish God's will in their lives and in the life of the church.

- mountjoychurchofGod.org, *Our Core Values*