

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....

THE CHURCH ON PURPOSE

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Introduction: Religion is very blurry in our modern age. The church today has lost sight of why we exist. The clarity needed comes as we return to the Scriptures to rediscover who we are and what we're about. God had a distinct purpose for the church long before it appeared. Though it was once a mystery, God had plans to reveal His wisdom through the church (Ephesians 3:10-11). He gave us the responsibility of making others into followers of Christ so they could be saved (Matthew 28:19-20). That's exactly what the early church did (Acts 6:1a). They obeyed what we call the "Great Commission". Let's refresh our memories.

1. WE MUST BE _____:
 - a. Go with Jesus (Acts 5:42).
 - b. Go with the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
 - c. Go with disciple making (Matthew 28:19).
2. WE MUST BE _____:
 - a. As it relates to salvation (Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21).
 - b. As it relates to the church (1 Corinthians 12:13ff).
3. WE MUST BE _____:
 - a. Further commands are taught (Matthew 28:20).
 - b. Full maturity is the goal (Colossians 1:28).
 - c. Fulfilling your responsibility brings blessing (Hebrews 10:24-25).

CONCLUSION: Have you joined the church in fulfilling its purpose?

Answers: 1. Going 2. Baptizing 3. Teaching