

LOCAL CHURCH GOALS

1. Man is helpless to please God or honor Him without the power of God operating in his life or in his ministry. Therefore, God has supplied believers with the Holy Spirit through indwelling and filling to enable them to serve and glorify Him. Examples of this are listed:

A. Acts 1:8, Filling of the Holy Spirit and indwelling human spirit for evangelism in the early church. Evangelism is a goal of the local church.

Acts 2-4, Jews received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10, Gentiles received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:1-11, Peter uses the filling of the Holy Spirit to minister.

Acts 12:1 ff, Peter's victory thru the Spirit—escape from prison.

Acts 13:1, Paul, through the Spirit, stops the magician of evil.

B. Making Disciples is a goal of the local church - Acts 14:22, Paul made many disciples and strengthened them. Disciples of Christ learn to stand on their own spiritual feet when under fire and give an answer for the reason they are believers.

C. All spiritual communication includes the power of God working through the believer both for evangelism and edification.

1) John 16:7-8; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.
2 Thessalonians 2:11, 1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:5,
1 Thessalonians 3:2, 11-13

2) Communication of Bible doctrine should be to all classes of people, all kinds of people, all races of people, all social levels of people, Romans 1:14, both to the Jews and the Greeks.

a) When we refuse to witness to someone then we are forgetting that Christ died for all mankind (I John 1:1-2).

b) We are not to show favorites when we witness, James 2:1-9.

C. Communication should be to both individuals and to groups.

- 1) Personal evangelism and edification—one on one is the most effective way to evangelize.
 - 2) Collective evangelism and nourishment is found in Acts 16:15-34, where a family is edified; in a home, 18:8; Romans 15:16, house church; 1 Corinthians 16:19, house church.
 - 3). Table talk sessions
 - a) Time when believers are invited into a home with two-three other families and time of fellowship, asking questions concerning doctrines, policies, constitutions, operations of the church.
- b) Deacons open up their homes or others in the church open their homes for Bible studies.
- c) New families divided up per home for personal nourishment, help them work through a work book, or a given subject on that night, then refreshments.
 - d) Each person leading the home study will have to fill out a doctrinal questionnaire before they are able to lead.
 - e) Each person leading is to have a categorical notebook #3 plus personal categorical notebook gained by attending classes at the local church. They need to be prepared
 - f) Questions not answerable will be tabled until later.
- PRINCIPLE: People respond to personal attention and this is a way to minister to those who are shy or unable to move into the inner circle on their own.
- g) Each group leader is responsible to the deacon in charge of these groups, and he is responsible to the Pastor.

- h) Each group leader must follow the curriculum that is given to him and not strike out on his own.

PRINCIPLE: I, as a Pastor, cannot communicate with each of you on an in depth level, however, I can train a team that is able to reach the more of the people with the same doctrine. This will multiply the ministry if we are doing the Lord's will.

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2. God the Father's Provision for the Church.

A. Reconciliation ministry of evangelism, Peter is the example.

- 1) Vacation Bible School, Missions, Tracts, TV, Radio, one on one technique, child evangelism, adult classes in homes for outreach, military outreach, coffee house, to unbeliever, remove hostilities between people.
- 2) To Believers, Galatians 6:1.

B. Ministry of edification, Paul is the example.

- 1) Refinement of doctrine, teaching separation principles from human good and evil, Sunday School, youth classes, edification, Pastor-teacher teaching.

C. Restoration ministry of evaluation, John is the example.

- 1) Mending nets with those who are on the outside rim of the ministry, combat false doctrine they are involved in, Revelation 2-3.

D. Refreshment ministry

- 1. Music department, choir, singing, guest speakers, fellowships, sports activities, fun with youth.