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## The Church: God Sends

### 1. The Purpose of The Church (review by reading aloud each passage)

To Glorify God  
Ephesians 1:12

through the

The Great Commission  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Ephesians 4:11-16

which involves both

Evangelism  
(birth)  
Acts 1:8; John 20:19-21  
1 Peter 3:15

&

Education  
(growth)  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Colossians 1:28,29

which together consist of these four

Elements  
Acts 2:42

Teaching  
Ephesians  
4:11-13

Fellowship  
1 John 1:6,7

Communion  
1 Corinthians  
11:23,24

Prayer  
1 Thessalonians  
5:17

of which all include

Worship  
1 Corinthians 10:31  
Ephesians 5:15-21

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### 2. Application

A. Discuss the preceding chart for a while. Pick it apart. Ask each other some penetrating and insightful questions...not so much about the meaning, but about the implications regarding these truths.

For example:

What does it look like when a person gives glory to God?

or

How do you know when evangelism is really taking place?

or

What does good Christian education look like?

or

Does teaching biblical truth always demand a formal setting with a formal teacher/student relationship? No, okay then. Where else can we find ourselves teaching biblical truth? What might this look like?

or

Come on now, think up some of your own...

B. Now let's bring this home to roost by trying a little transparency. For those who have accepted the Lord Jesus for salvation, how are you doing regarding each area on the chart? How about rating yourself from 1 to 10 (with 10 being awesome and 1 being really not so well). If you have never received Jesus as your Savior, would you do us a favor? Use the scale to rate how well the church at large is doing? Tell us what is holding you back from accepting the Savior?

Giving God Glory	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The Great Commission	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Evangelism	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Biblical Education	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fellowship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prayer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lifestyle of Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10