

Developing a Mindset of Ministry: It is a Lifelong Process (Selected Scripture)

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WCC Mission Statement: *To reach people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and to lead, teach and equip them to become life-long followers of Him.*

How do we propose to accomplish this?

WCC Purpose Statement: *WCC exists to honor God by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matt 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)*

The WCC Mission Statement involves two components:

- 1) Sharing the good news of Jesus with others.
(*evangelism*)
- 2) Being invested in and investing in others to help them grow. (*discipleship*)

Both components require **active involvement**.

WCC's approach to ministry is to:

- 1) Simplify our *attitude* concerning ministry and our purpose. (Col 2:6-12; Gal 3:2-3; 2 Cor 11:3-5)
- 2) To see ministry as a process rather than programs or departments. (2 Pet 1:3-9; Phil 3:10-14)

Developing a *mindset of ministry* as a **PROCESS** means:

- 1) Recognizing the church is people, not programs.
(Acts 2:38-47)
- 2) Realizing that the *essence* of the church is relationships. (John 15:8-12; John 13:34-35)
- 3) Understanding that the church is participation, not professionalism. (1 Cor 12:4-11; Acts 4:23-31)
- 4) Proclaiming Christ, not promoting ourselves.
(2 Cor 4:5-6; 1 Cor 2:1-5)
- 5) Understanding that the church is interrelated rather than independent. (1 Cor 12:12-26)
- 6) Alignment of the whole body toward *achieving* the mission/purpose. (John 17:20-23; Eph 4:9-16)

WCC's goal is to develop a *mindset of ministry*:

- 1) That everyone *clearly* understands.
- 2) Where everyone is engaged at their own level of spiritual life.
- 3) That challenges and assists everyone to grow, serve and develop in spiritual maturity.