

This is CL 4 MAKE AN IMPACT

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God wants our church, this church; His church, to be House of Hope and Healing

Attracting people	Serving people
Reaching people	Equipping people
Helping people	Sending people

There is a Work that we must do, and we must do it together!

Because Jesus wants people:

Know God

Find Freedom

Discover Purpose

Make an Impact

There is nothing on earth more valuable to God than His Church.

- Not just because he delights in us, but because of the mission he has for us.
- A Christian is who we are individually, but the church is who we are collectively!
 - He loves us for who we are individually, but there is nothing on earth of greater value to Him than who and what we are collectively and what we can do together!

Titus 1:5 CEV I left you in Crete to do what had been **left undone** and to **appoint leaders for the churches** in each town.

Titus 2:7 NLT “And you yourself must be an example to them by **doing good works** of every kind...”

Titus 2:14 NLT He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, **totally committed to doing good deeds.**

We are called to more than just meet together, we are to be on a mission together

Ephesians 1:23 msg “The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body, **in which he speaks and acts**, by which he **fills everything with his presence**”.

- The world is not our main focus or His main focus, the world is peripheral to the church.
- God’s compassion is for the world, but his concentration is on the church.
 - The church is how he has chosen to impact the world!
- It is the church that He will use fill the city with his presence... one person at a time... one family at a time... one neighborhood at a time.

Acts 13:36 “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep...”

1) You can Make an Impact on those Closest to You.

Acts 16:31 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

2) You can Make an Impact on All Those Around You.

Jeremiah 15:9 If you **speak good words** rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must **influence them**; do not let them **influence you**!

Remember: “The church is Christ’s body, in which he **speaks** and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence”.

3) You can Make an Impact on those all around you, not for your own sake but For God.

Eph 2:10 NIV For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Many are committed to doing good works; But lots of you are still reluctant

Look what Jesus says to us about a hurting world... “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Luke 10:2)

Why would people say no to making an Impact for God?

FEAR

1) People are afraid of their Past.

- a) When Jesus began building a team he didn’t choose the most religious or to the most pious people among the nation.
- b) God knows your past and He can redeem it and then use it.

You have step out of your past if you want your past to let go of you.

Stop waiting for God to do something about and make your move! Go make a difference in someone’s life!

2) People are afraid of People.

- a) We worry way too much about what people think about us.
- b) Pro. 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

3) People are afraid of taking the First Step.

4) People are afraid to Fail.

Matthew 6:34 msg “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.”

God is trying to get your attention right now.