

## Devoted to Mission

Lesson 03 of 04 in the series: "Devoted 2021"

"Devoted" = 100% Engaged

"Mission" = an important task or duty that is assigned to an individual or organization

**Our Mission:** Centerpoint Fellowship Church exists to center lives on Christ by fulfilling the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

### A. We are devoted to fulfilling the Great Commandment.

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

1. We want every person involved with Centerpoint to be 100% engaged in loving God.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

"I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!" Psalm 116:1-2 (NLT)

2. We want every person involved with Centerpoint to be 100% engaged in loving others.

"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." Philippians 2:1-5 (NLT)

**Life Application:** "We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

### B. We are devoted to fulfilling the Great Commission.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

1. We want to be 100% engaged in telling people everywhere about Jesus and teaching new believers everything we know about living godly lives.

"Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

2. We want to be 100% engaged in baptizing people who repent of their sins and surrender their lives to Jesus.

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." Romans 6:4 (NLT)

**Life Application:** We should rejoice when people get baptized.

"... 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.' And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God."

Acts 16:30-34 (NLT)

### C. We want every person involved with Centerpoint to be 100% engaged in our mission.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:3-6 (NLT)

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

**Life Application:** I must decide whether or not I am devoted to the mission Christ has given me.

“A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!’ When he had said this, he called out, ‘Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand... The seed is God’s word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.’” Luke 8:5-8, 11b-15 (NLT)

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### Connect Group Questions

Read the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and then answer the following questions:

1. What does it look like if someone loves God with all of his/her heart, soul, and mind?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself”?
3. What is the significance of baptism? When were you baptized? What did it mean to you?
4. What do you think it means to make disciples? Who disciplined you? Who are you discipling?
5. What would our church look like if everyone became 100% engaged in carrying out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission?
6. Read the parable of the soils (Luke 8:4-15). How does this parable apply to our church?
7. What is the role of our church staff in carrying out our mission? (see Ephesians 4:11-14)
8. Discuss the Devoted 2021 Commitment Card. How do you feel about giving to our church? Where will you volunteer to serve?
9. What excites you most about where our church is right now? What do you pray for when you pray for Centerpoint Fellowship Church?