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**Our
Mission**

**A
Functioning
Church**

**A Unified
Church**

MIDWEEK GUIDE

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Mission of the New Apostolic Church

Our Mission is reaching out to all people in order to teach them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to baptize them with water and the Holy Spirit. Providing soul care and cultivating a warm fellowship in which everyone shall experience the love of God and the joy of serving Him and others.

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Session 1: Our Mission

1. How does our church's mission statement connect with Jesus' Great Commission?

2. *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).* What does it mean to be a witness of Jesus? How are you a witness of Jesus?

3. Are you expected to share the gospel of Jesus with every person you encounter during your day? Is this even possible? Why or why not?

4. What stands in the way of you *reaching out* to the people around you with the gospel of Christ? Discuss how to overcome these obstacles.

5. *All who believe in Jesus Christ are choosing to live a life that is set apart and sanctified by the work of the Holy Spirit.* What does this quote from the video mean to you?

6. We each have our own personal grace story. A part of being a witness of Jesus is the sharing of those moments when the grace of Jesus created a turning point in your life. How does sharing your grace story help others recognize their need to place their trust and faith in Jesus? Share with each other your personal grace stories.

7. Discuss how you can use different gifts to be a witness of Christ. (Creative Communication, Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Intercession, Leadership, Mercy, etc.)

Bible References

Matthew 28:16-20

Romans 10:15

Session 2: A Functioning Church

1. What does it mean to be a functioning church member?

2. Does being a member mean that you always have to be contributing something to the congregation? Why or why not?

3. Have you discovered your role in the body of Christ? Why is it important for members to know and use their spiritual gifts? (Refer to 1 Corinthians 12.)

4. How can you help others in the congregation to recognize or discover their role in “the body”?

5. How can you keep yourself from developing a consumeristic attitude towards the church?

6. The video discussed three principles of a witness of Christ: *giving rather than receiving, responsibility rather than individual preference, and sacrifice rather than entitlement*. How do these apply to being a member of a church? Discuss examples.

7. Read all of 1 Corinthians 13. What does this chapter mean for church members today? Explain as you go through each verse.

Bible References

1 Corinthians 12:21-22

1 Corinthians 12:26-27

1 Corinthians 12 -14

Session 3: A Unified Church

1. If unity isn't agreeing with everyone all the time, what is it?

2. How does the gospel tie us all together as Christians? Why is it a unifying force in the church?

3. When there is division amongst brothers and sisters in the congregation, how can reminding each other of the gospel remove that division and help discover a resolution?

4. Why can unity in the church not happen if there are members with unforgiving hearts?

5. How does unity demonstrate our faithfulness to God?

6. We are heirs to the kingdom of heaven through Christ. How can we live with a kingdom heart and mind already today?

7. What does it mean to serve with a spirit of generosity and forgiveness towards each other?

8. Read Ephesians 4, verses 1-6. How could these attributes help a person experience the love of God in a congregation?

Bible References

Ephesians 4:1-6, 13
1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Ephesians 1:4-7
1 Corinthians 8:6

Ephesians 2:14-16