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Ephesians 4.11-16

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

We are called to make God's glory known among the nations. We do this by being disciples who make disciples as we root ourselves in the Gospel of God's glory. It is our duty, responsibility, and privilege to see other disciples saved, equipped, and sent in and by the Gospel.

2 Timothy 2.2

THE MAKE UP OF THE CHURCH

God gives varying gifts and calls us to varying roles within the church. Though *every man* should be living his life with the character of an Elder, not all men are called to that role.

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In God's design and wisdom, He has made it so that He even uses sinful and flawed people to minister one to another. Specifically, He calls particular men to be raised up to lead and guide the church in various ways.

WHAT IS AN ELDER?

In the Word, the word "elder" and "pastor" is used interchangeably. Additionally, the Greek word "pastor" (*poimen*), is the same exact word used for "shepherd." Though we are all called to lead and shepherd in some form or fashion, some are called to the role or "office" of being Pastor-Elders in the church.

In the church, there are no "junior elders." Though each Elder will have varying gifts, experience, strengths, and weaknesses, each Elder who has been called by God is just as called as the next Elder.

Elders are given to govern the church through at least these tasks and roles:

- Be in the Word of God and prayer Acts 6.1-7
- Teach the "official" sound doctrine for the church 1 Timothy 3.2, 5.17
- Refute and protect against false doctrine **Acts 20.17-31**
- Participate in and enact church discipline Matthew 18.15-17
- Determine how the finances are distributed 1 Peter 5.1-3
- Pray for the sick James 5.13-15
- Equip the saints for work of ministry Ephesians 4.11-16 // 2 Timothy 2.2

ORDINATION OF ERIC PRICE

Acts 20.24-35 // 2 Corinthians 6.3-10 // 1 Peter 5.1-10

Today, Sunday, February 14th, 2016, Pastor Jobey McGinty, along with fellow believers at Life Mission Church, confirm and ordain their brother, Eric Price, in his calling of and to the ministry of Pastor-Elder in the church of Jesus Christ. To God alone be the glory.

More Resources

Please take the time to read the article on Eldership, and specifically about Eric's ordination: <u>www.lifemissionchurch.com/resources/articlesblog/eric-price-ordination.</u>

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan.**

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green Connection Card on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a Green Shirt at the Connection Booth outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids** on **Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

<u>GIVING</u>

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our 9th - 12th graders stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact Casey Barnes at casey@lifemission.tv.

NOTES:

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. What was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday or stuck out to you in these verses?

Read Acts 2:42, Romans 12:10, Romans 15:14, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and 1 John 3:11. What is the purpose being a part of the church?

2 Timothy 2:2 says to "....Entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Our mission at LMC is to make disciples that make disciples both locally and globally. Where are you at today with the mission of Life Mission Church? Are you excited about it? Bored? Don't understand how to do it? Or have no passion at all towards the mission?

1 Corinthians 12:4-6. How are you using your God-given gifts in the church? Which ones are you using? Which ones are you holding back on? ______

Read **1 Timothy 3:1-7**. What are the qualifications for an Elder? What is the role of an Elder?

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned that an Elder must first be called by God but also have the biblical qualifications listed in **1 Timothy**. Although every Christian is not called by God to shepherd the church, every Christian should aim to have all of the qualifications of an Elder. Looking at **1 Timothy 3:1-7** again, which qualification do you lack in or are weak in? Spend time confessing your weaknesses to one another.

Now, re-look at **1 Timothy 3:1-7** but now, spend time encouraging one another in the areas that you are seeing God move.

Read **Hebrews 12:1-2.** Then end group by praying for the "witnesses" in throughout our church. Here are some leaders you can be praying for together....

- Your Community Group leader and the Community Group ministry.
- For Katie McGinty who is leading our Kid's Ministry. That God would raise up more servants.
- Chris Erdos and Tyler Willis who teach our Junior High Ministry. Pray for the kids.
- Casey and Amy Barnes as they have recently started a High School Ministry.
- Pray for the marriages at Life Mission Church. That they would continual be strengthened.
- Pray that more people would step up to share the Gospel with the least, last and lost.
- Pray for Jobey and Katie. Pray for Eric and Kathy Price.



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally, Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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