

## TO LIVE IS CHRIST: YOUR LIFE MISSION

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Paul has made Jesus to be his central focus in his life. Because of that, this means that when he dies, it can only get *better* because he will be face to face with Jesus! And it is this very attitude that draws the attention and amazement of others. What do you do with someone who is not easily phased by even death itself!

**God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.**

We draw attention to what satisfies us. We magnify what satisfies us. Most of us fear death because it means the end of what satisfies us, and the end of what we are living for.

### WHERE IS YOUR HEAVEN?

Many people, even believers, don't actually look forward to heaven. There are things here and now that they want to do or accomplish or experience. This is due to a lack of really knowing the depth and beauty of Jesus.

**You will not see the "gain" of the next life  
if you do not see the beauty of Jesus in this life.**

The word Paul uses for "depart" is a nautical term. It's used to describe when a boat is unmoored from the dock. Death for the believer means setting sail for the ultimate destination, not held down by the limitations of this life, but set free.

### YOUR LIFE MISSION

**Are you living just to make a living?  
Or are you living to make a life?**

What is your life mission? What is the goal? And what is the plan to get there? What are you living for? And...what does death mean for your mission?

Mark 8.36

**The cost of discipleship is great.  
But the cost of non-discipleship is far greater.**

There is a great cost if we choose to live a casual, empty routine, nominal type Christianity. Our joy will be robbed, God's glory will be robbed, and the salvation of other's who need the voice of the church will be robbed.



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Philippians 2:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

### 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!

### GIVING

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).

## 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

Before your group starts, ask if anyone is able to recite the memory verse.

Read through **Philippians 1:18b-26**. Share some of your thoughts on the passage and the sermon from Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_

In reading over Paul's words of being content in life in serving others for the sake of the Gospel or in death and being in the presence of Christ, it is evident Paul magnifies what brings him true joy. With Christ as his hope and foundation in life and death, Paul can joyfully say Christ is his everything. If you were to examine your own life and consider Paul's words "To live is \_\_\_\_\_, to die is \_\_\_\_\_," how would you fill in the phrase? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your heaven? What do you pursue and "live for"? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. As we look forward to heaven and long to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father, how can we daily align our hearts to treasure Him for who He is and exalt His will in our lives? Are there specific things that we treasure each day that misalign our hearts from laying up treasures in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

In order to daily treasure Christ above all else in our lives, it is vital that we have a strategy or a mission to consistently accomplish that goal. Take some time to write out or describe your own mission statement. \_\_\_\_\_

When others look at your life, would they agree with this mission statement? How might they re-write it? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Mark 8:36**. In accomplishing this personal mission statement for our lives and understanding the cost of neglecting Christ, how can we seek to consistently model to nonbelievers what it means to treasure Christ above all things? How can we share the unfailing hope we have in Him both in life and death? \_\_\_\_\_

Reflect and pray that in all things, Christ would be magnified and glorified through you. Ask God to teach you what it means to see the beauty of Christ in this life so you may see the gain of the next life. Lastly, ask God what it looks like to share the joy and beauty of Christ with those you know who have no hope in life or death. Consider breaking up into smaller groups, or between men and women, and praying more specifically for each other.



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