

How Can I Help?

Ephesians 4:11-13

Mission: To make passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Invite, (Base 1 Membership), **John 1:39**, Jesus said, "Come and you will see."
Come is the Gospel in one word, a word of invitation.

Teach (Base 2, Maturity), **Matthew 28:19-20**, "Go make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have done." (**Acts 2:42-43**)

Equip (Base 3, Ministry), **Ephesians 4:11-12**, "And He gave some as apostles,... for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; (NASB)

Send (Base 4, Mission), **Matthew 28:16-20**, "Go" Fulfillment of the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 1:8**)

Worship (Pitcher's Mound, Magnification), **Matthew 4:10-11**, "Jesus said to him, "...Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (**Luke 10:27**)

Lead (Bull Pen, adMinistration), **Romans 12:8**, "...if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (**Exodus 18:25**)

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The Church is NOT a Cruise Ship!

On a Cruise Ship, people expect to be served

On a Rescue Ship people expect to serve

On a Cruise Ship the staff takes care of the passengers

On a Rescue Ship those on board take care of one another

On a Cruise Ship gratification comes from comfort and the beautiful scenery

On a Rescue Ship gratification comes from participating in the mission

On a Cruise Ship relationships are superficial

On a Rescue Ship relationships are close-knit and meaningful

On a Cruise Ship not much is expected of the passengers

On a Rescue Ship every person matters and participates in the mission

On a Cruise Ship the energy is put into those who are "on board"

On a Rescue Ship the energy is put into those who are "out there"

On a Cruise Ship the captain responds to the people's request

On a Rescue Ship the people respond to the Captain's direction

On a Cruise Ship you hear "I like this" or "I don't like that"

On a Rescue Ship you hear "How can I help?"

On a Cruise Ship the thrill comes from the food and service

On a Rescue Ship the thrill comes from accomplishing the mission!

--Adapted from Paul Kaak in *New Directions for Small Group Ministry*).

Equip means to:

1. **Repair**, heal, and make whole

Ephesians 4:12, *“to prepare (equip) God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

2. **Complete**, fit out, and give tools.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

3. **Put in order**, arrange, and adjust.

Exodus 18:25-26, *“He [Moses] chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.*

Wesleyan Covenant Service

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others, we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore, let us make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord, and resolve in his strength never to go back. Being thus prepared, let us now in sincere dependence on God's grace and trusting in God's promises, yield ourselves anew.

O Lord God, who has called us through Christ to be partakers in the gracious covenant; we take upon ourselves with joy, the obedience and engage ourselves, for the love of Thee, to seek to do thy perfect will. We are no longer our own, but thine.

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

-A time for silent prayer-

And now, O Glorious and Blessed God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!