

Life in the Body – Part 7
Membership in the Local Church

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Mission:
Be Disciple-Making Disciples

Goal: *So what is our mission in life?*

Coast exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who rest in Jesus, hope in God, and pursue love, by God's grace and for His glory. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Vision:
Rest in Jesus, Hope in God, Pursue Love

Priorities: *So what is our fundamental vision for life?*

We seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ who rest in Jesus for pardon and perfection, hope in God for help and happiness, and pursue love according to the Word in order to live a life pleasing to God. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

We need to see (1) what God calls us to in our everyday lifestyle as disciples and (2) how that is part of fulfilling the Great Commission and making disciples. – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Whatever the NT calls us to and commands us to do *is* what it looks like to be a disciple-making disciple!

Lifestyle:
Devotion to God's Word with God's People with Good News for the World

Strategies: *So what does a Biblical mission and vision look like in everyday life?*

1. **Devotion to the Word:** Who are baptized and devoted to the Word of God with the People of God. (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 2:19; 1 John 3:10, 23; Colossians 3:16; Acts 2:42)
2. **Devotion to Prayer:** Who practice prayer in the closet and home and church for God's grace and the enabling of God's Spirit. (Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:9-13; Colossians 4:2-4; Acts 2:42)
3. **Sunday Gathering:** Who make the gathering of the Church on Sunday a priority. (Hebrews 10:19-25; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 14:23-25; 16:2; Matthew 28:1; John 20:19; Acts 20:7)
4. **Fellowship Networks:** Who are meaningfully connected to other believers in small group fellowship networks of various kinds. (Hebrews 3:12-19; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Acts 2:42, 46; John 13:34-35)

5. **Every Member Ministry:** Who are using their gifts to build up the body in love, especially through ministry or ministry teams at Coast. (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:4-8; Galatians 5:13)

6. **Unity in the Body:** Who are committed to maintaining unity through love, acceptance, and forgiveness in the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32; Colossians 3:12-17; Romans 15:1-7; John 17:20-23)

7. **Home:** Who play their proper role in the home to the glory of God. (Ephesians 5:15-6:4; Colossians 3:18-21; Titus 2:3-8; 1 Peter 3:1-7)

8. **Workplace:** Who work to please the Lord in their job and honor Christ in the workplace. (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-4:1; Titus 2:9-10; 1 Peter 2:11-20)

9. **World:** Who seek to be ambassadors for Christ in service to their neighbors as they seek to impact their community for Christ and to play the role of responsible citizens. (Luke 10:25-37; Romans 13:1-10; 1 Peter 2:12-17; Colossians 4:5-6; Matthew 17:24-27)

10. **Good News:** Who make efforts to befriend unbelievers in their families, neighborhoods, workplaces and communities and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in all kinds of ways. (Colossians 4:2-6; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Matthew 9:10-13; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

11. **Good Works:** Who serve others through meeting the practical needs of the poor and suffering, whether of believers in the church or unbelievers in the community. (Galatians 2:10; 6:10; Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14; 1 John 3:16-18; Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 5:3-16; Matthew 5:13-16; 25:31-46; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:9, 13-15; Luke 19:8; Romans 15:26)

12. **Giving:** Who give financially, according to their ability, to support the local ministry of the gospel, to support missions endeavors beyond the local body, and to meet the needs of the poor in our church and outside our body. (Galatians 6:6-10; 2 Corinthians 8:12-15; 9:6-15; 3 John 1:5-8; 1 Peter 4:9; Hebrews 13:2; Acts 20:35)

Structure: Caring for One Another in the Body

Support: *So how do we seek to help one another stay on track with this Biblical mission and vision and lifestyle and serve together in this endeavor?* In other words, what is the structure that helps us shepherd the hearts of all those who are a part of Coast? (1 Corinthians 12:25)

- Elder Team
- Deacon Team
- Sunday Gathering
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Husbands and Fathers/Parents
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Small Groups
- Ministry Teams
- Prayer Ministry
- Pursuit of the 'One Another' Commands