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*“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15, NIV)*

The Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ that **Jesus is** \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ and that He has taken charge over the powers of sin, satan and death through His death and resurrection. **He reigns over all** and is establishing a Kingdom without end.

**WE WILL BE ON MISSION:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ DO WE ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION?

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*“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’” (Genesis 1:26-28, NIV)*

*“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’” (Genesis 12:1-3, NIV)*

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*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” (1 Peter 2:9-12, NIV)*

## **THE DISTRACTED CHURCH**

### **...you had ONE JOB:**

1. Distracted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Self Focus)
2. Distracted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Self Preservation)
3. Distracted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Cemeteries & Circuses)
4. Distracted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Lost causes/Cause of the lost)

**AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL FIGHT TO STAY ON THE MISSION OF GOD**



## HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION?

### 1. WE IMMERSE PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. WE FORM PEOPLE IN THE FAITH: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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*“For at least several decades the churches of the Western world have not made discipleship a condition of being a Christian. One is not required to be, or to intend to be, a disciple in order to become a Christian, and one may remain a Christian without any signs of progress toward or in discipleship...“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.” (Dallas Willard)*

*“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.” (Romans 8:16-21, NIV)*