

## Defined – On Mission

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Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 5:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

### 1. We were made for \_\_\_\_\_.

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- “Be careful” carries the double meaning of to notice carefully and to be ready to learn about something.

Jeremiah 20:18 “Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?”

Philippians 3:8-9 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

- Myth #1 – I am here by accident - \_\_\_\_\_
- Myth #2 – I’m here to earn God’s acceptance - \_\_\_\_\_
- Myth #3 – I’m here to get all I can get – \_\_\_\_\_
- Truth: You were made for a mission!

Proverbs 16:4 “The Lord has made everything for His own purposes...” (NLT)

Ephesians 5:8 You were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.

### 2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for mission strength.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Therefore be careful how you walk...

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ “one another” commands in the Bible.
- Ephesians 5:18-21 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

- We understand \_\_\_\_\_ better together.

Ephesians 4:1-6 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

- **We share \_\_\_\_\_ and passion together.**  
Luke 10:1,2,4 “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field...4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.”
  - God was telling them: “Never go into battle alone. You don’t need a lot of money or equipment, but you do need your friend.”

**3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for mission success.**

Judges 6:12 The angel of the LORD appeared to [Gideon] and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.”

Judges 6:14 The LORD looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?”

- You are a valiant warrior!

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 4:15-16 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

- We are fitted and held together – Unity.
- Every joint – Uniqueness
- Every joint is needed – Usefulness.
- The Church grows in response to our mission – Unfettered