

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

What is the Church Supposed to Do?

1. The Church was established by Jesus. **Matthew 16:18 (NLT)** ¹⁸ *Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*
2. The Church of Acts is the example of how we should function. **Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)** ⁴² *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.* ⁴³ *A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.* ⁴⁴ *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.* ⁴⁵ *They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.* ⁴⁶ *They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—* ⁴⁷ *all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.* Acts 3 The healing of the crippled beggar

1. The Primary function of the Church is to **Worship** God
2. The Church must be **growing** spiritually
3. The Church must **reach the lost** with the gospel at all cost
4. The Church must **meet the needs** of its community
5. The Church must be functioning as **one body**

Action points—This week I will:

I will strengthen my faith through worship of God

I will deepen my faith through active pursuit of obedience and knowledge

I will enlarge the Kingdom of God by investing my time and money to share the gospel

I will broaden the Kingdom of God's impact by assisting one in need

I will develop the warmth of God's family through connection with other believers
