

LIVE OAK CHURCH

In The Game, About The Mission

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Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

We Aren't Saved By Good Works, But We Absolutely Are Saved For Good Works

I. You have been saved for something

- A. We are His workmanship
- B. Created in Christ Jesus
- C. For good works
- D. Which God prepared beforehand
- E. So that we should walk in them

II. Discipleship is not a spectator sport

- A. Discipleship is lifelong
- B. Disciples learn Jesus
- C. Disciples follow Jesus
- D. Disciples become more like Jesus
- E. Disciples help others do the same

III. Disciples grow into disciple-makers

- A. Everyone begins as spiritual infants
- B. Spiritual babes grow into disciples
- C. Spiritual disciples become co-laborers
- D. Mature disciples become multiplying leaders

IV. Every player has a passion

- A. Pay attention to what God has placed on your heart
- B. Sometimes a burden points toward a calling
- C. God can use your experiences to shape your passion
- D. Passion must be surrendered to God's purposes
- E. Passion should eventually become action
- F. Gifts & passions often intersect

V. Every player has a position

- A. Every believer has been gifted
- B. Different believers have different assignments
- C. Not everyone is called to vocational ministry
- D. Every christian is called to ministry
- E. God has positioned you in particular places & relationships
- F. Your family is your primary venue for your mission
- G. Your vocation is your next venue for your mission

VI. Every player has a purpose

- A. Purpose isn't reserved for pastors
- B. Purpose isn't something only a fortunate few discover
- C. Purpose often emerges where position & passion intersect
- D. Purpose is bigger than occupation
- E. Purpose doesn't require prominence
- F. Purpose is discovered through obedience, not merely introspection

VII. The team has a mission

- A. Our mission comes from Jesus
- B. Our mission operates under His authority
- C. Our mission requires action
 - 1. Make disciples
 - 2. Baptize them
 - 3. Teach them to obey
- D. Jesus promises His presence as we go

VIII. Get off the bench & walk in what God prepared

- A. Realize *whose* workmanship you are
- B. Remember *what* you were created for
- C. Recognize *those* God has put in front of you
- D. Identify your next step of obedience
- E. Share the Gospel (yes, with words)
- F. Walk in God's will
- G. Help someone else follow Jesus