

**Series:** Vision Month 2021

**Title:** Purpose – Why We Exist

**Text:** Matthew 22:37-40 and 28:18-20

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“Every organization was built for purpose.” **Eliyahu M. Goldratt**

“When creating, or re-creating, your church’s vision, the Great Commission and Great Commandment linked together should always be your singular starting point.” **Daniel Im**

*In Matthew’s gospel, we find two teachings that can be referred to as Jesus’ two “great” teachings. From them, we can discover the Lord’s purpose for our church.....*

**1. The Great Commandment: We exist to know Christ.**

Matthew 22:37-40

Exodus 20:1-8

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

John 14:15 and 15:13

**2. The Great Commission: We exist to make Christ known.**

Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 5:13-16

When crafting a purpose statement, a local church should aim to have a statement that is clear, concise, compelling, and consecrated.

**Our Purpose Statement:** We exist to connect people to their ultimate purpose in life in Jesus Christ.