

Knox CRC – Exploring Purpose and Mission

- A. List at least three reasons you come to church in general, and Knox in particular. If you could change one thing about Knox, what would it be?

- B. The Bible identifies and priorities the following four categories of purpose and mission for the church. For each of these categories identify at least one strength and one weakness for Knox CRC.

1. Worship

- Matt. 22:37 *And Jesus said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’* ³⁸ *“This is the great and foremost commandment.*
- John 4:23 *“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

2. Teaching (Discipleship) and Evangelism

- *Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

3. Christian Fellowship and Support

- *John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*
- *1 Thes. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*
- *Heb. 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds*

4. Providing for Those in Need

- *James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*
- *Gal. 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*