

# OLIVET GOSPEL CHURCH

## BIBLE STUDY “ The Purpose of the Church”

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### I. OBJECTIVE:

#### Putting Truth Into Action

##### A. STUDY: THE CHURCH

##### 1. Purpose

##### 2. Profile

##### 3. Priorities

#### A. Purpose Of The Church- Primary Issue

(1) Why are we – our Church – in existence?

– *An array of possible answers*

A...

(i) To present the Gospel to the Lost

(ii) To bring hope to the Hurting

(iii) To provide a place of Worship and  
Instruction

(iv) To equip saints for the work of Ministry

- (v) To comfort the Grieving
- (vi) To feed the hungry – Help the Needy

**B... ANSWER:** “To glorify the Lord our God”

*References –*

*I Corinthians 10:31*

*I Corinthians 6:19-20*

*Romans 15:5-6*

*II Thessalonians 1:11-12*

*Matthew 5:16*

## **II. Breakdown of the Answer**

(A) What does “Glory” mean?

1. Exodus 40:34

- Bright, shining Light

2. I Corinthians 15:39-41

A unique and distinctive appearance

3. John 3:30:

To magnify or elevate the Lord Our God.

- Seen in John the Baptizer

- (i) He must increase, I must decrease

- (ii) John was the Voice (1:23)

- (iii) Jesus was The Word (v1:14)**

**NOTE:** Glorifying God means, being occupied with- and committed to God's ways rather; than preoccupied with- and determining to accomplish our own ways.

*3.3: - IS. 55:2, 8– 9*

*PS. 145: 1-2*

*PS: 86: 1-2, 7*

*PS. 86: 8,10-12*

## **BREAKDOWN OF ANSWER:**

***Where does it apply in our daily lives?***

- (i) When you are not sure*
- (ii) Faced with the challenges in your public and private life*
- (iii) Personal disappointment if changes must be made; i.e. altered, rearranged or dissolved.*

### ***III. Suggestions for making it happen.***

#### ***A...Three Thoughts:***

- 1. Cultivate the habit of including the Lord in every area of your life.***
- 2. Refuse to expect or accept any of the glory that ought to be God's.***
- 3. Maintain a priority relationship with God that is more important than any other on earth. (Matt 10:37-38).***

#### ***B... Three Actions:***

***To help develop the priority relationship--***

- 1. Include the Lord in every segment of your life***
- 2. To help maintain that priority relationship, give all the glory to God. Admit your weaknesses.***
- 3. To help also, is to ask the question: " Will it bring Glory to God?"***