

Lesson 3: Knowing your role in the local church

Welcome to the 3rd presentation of the New Members' class.

Our topic is: *Knowing your role in the local church*

Why is knowing my role significant?

It is God's means of conforming us to "...the image of His Son." [Rom 8:29]

An illustration:

Let's think of ourselves as God's living puzzle.

The puzzle Master has placed each of us in His puzzle to perform a particular role to reveal the Face of His Son in us.

Therefore, we need to discover our role in the church so that we are fulfilling God's purpose of making us the living expression of His Son.

In fact, because Jesus fulfilled *His* ROLE, we have been saved:

John 6:38 *"I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the [role] of Him Who sent Me..."*

Our role in the local church:

*"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." **Matt. 28:18-20***

In this command, Jesus is saying that each member of the church has been given the role of making disciples.

To use our puzzle analogy, Jesus is saying that as each of us fulfills our role, God is assembling His puzzle.

In **1 Cor. 12:27**, the Apostle Paul explains that we *"...are the body of Christ and individually members of it..."*

In **1 Cor. 12:14** Paul explains that each member has a particular role in the Body:

"If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body."

This means that each of us has a role that together allows us to be the corporate expression of Christ.

And now, as we together are embracing our role of making disciples, God is spreading the Gospel of His Son into the world.

By becoming a member of LCC, you have decided to actively **embrace** your role of being a disciple maker.

Embracing our role of discipleship:

I want us to look at the various roles listed in the Church Covenant that we are embracing as members of LCC.