

REDEMPTION CHURCH

Mission 24 | Partners in the Gospel

OUR MISSION

We exist to help all people experience redemption, live in freedom, and **become partners in the Gospel**.

BIG POINT

Partnership is a deeply held commitment to

- Spiritual growth
- Relational connection
- Gospel advancement

through the local church.

Koinonia (n): Holding something in common; fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation.

Philippians 1:3-5

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,
⁵because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now.*

In week 4 of our Mission 24 series, we looked to Scripture to see what it means to “become partners in the Gospel”.

We see a perfect example of Gospel partnership when Jesus first called His disciples. He called them to be “*fishers of men*.” This partnership is not about us and what we get. It is ALL about others and how to win them over to Christ. Jesus chose to change the world with the worst team (us) possible! He continues to INVITE us into partnership, despite our short-comings. When He shines through us, it’s incredible!

Notes:

Partners are deeply committed to owning their own faith (spiritual maturity).

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Philippians 2:12

1. Partners don’t need motivated to:

read their Bible, pray, worship, show up, give, repent, memorize Scripture, fast, etc.

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.” Psalm 1:2

2. Situations won’t derail partners:

“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my Salvation.” Habakkuk 3:17-18

3. Partners bear fruit in every season.

“He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:8

Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Now What?

How much we value the Gospel has a direct correlation to how much we are willing to sacrifice for it. If we desire to be the partners Christ calls us to be, we need to ask:

- Am I growing spiritually?
- Am I connecting relationally?
- Am I working to advance the Gospel?

Partners are deeply committed to connecting relationally.

"But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated."

Hebrews 10:32-33

1. Partners handle conflict biblically: chaos, complacency, greater commitment.
2. Get good at forgiveness
3. Pray together
4. Enjoy the journey (have joy in every season)
5. Limit drama
6. Believe the best of one another

Partners are deeply committed to laboring in the work of ministry (advancing the Gospel).

1. Compassion is the motivator behind partnership (see Matthew 9:36-38).
2. We aren't asked to create the system or to come up with something brand new, but we are asked to come alongside the church and what God is already doing.

	Attendees	Partners	Owners
Relation-ships	Show up	Seek Connection	Create Connection
Labor	Consume	Serve	Lead
Finances	Take	Give	Invest
Spiritual Growth	Listen	Share	Disciple Others

What Partnership is NOT: Partnership is not about perks, position, proximity, or power.

Partnership is about surrender. Surrender is the path to maximum Gospel impact. (See Acts 20:24)