



The Mission of the Church (Part 2)

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WARM UP

What is one of your favorite destinations for a weekend trip?

COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracelocalis.org/calendar)

Men's Bible Training Wednesdays, January 25–April 26 • 6:45 p.m. • Ministry Center • All men are invited to join us in a study of the book of Genesis. The cost is just \$5 and includes a journaling Bible. To RSVP by Tuesday, January 24, visit [GracePolaris.org/MBT](https://gracelocalis.org/MBT) or text "MBT" to 614-888-7733.

Women's Bible Study Thursdays, January 26–March 23 • 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. • Ministry Center & Online • All ladies are invited to join us for this multi-generational group that centers on God's Word and deepening relationships with each other. We will utilize Melissa Spoelstra's teachings on Isaiah as we focus on striving less and trusting God more. To register by Tuesday, January 24, visit [GracePolaris.org/WBS](https://gracelocalis.org/WBS) or text "WBS" to 614-888-7733.

Communion Sunday, February 5 • 5:00 p.m. • Ministry Center • We reaffirm our gratitude to Jesus and commitment to His family through threefold communion. All believers are welcome as we reflect and celebrate God's work on our behalf. Bring a dish to share for the love feast. Kids ministry for birth–Kindergarten will be available after the love feast. Feel free to simply observe if you wish. For more information visit [GracePolaris.org/Communion](https://gracelocalis.org/Communion).

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Have you ever considered the role of the local church in the Great Commission? How does this understanding inform your idea of making and being a disciple?
- 2 Discuss this definition of a local church: a local church is a group or gathering of Christ followers committed to His commands—including baptism and communion—and committed to one another, all under the authority of God's Word. It is led by godly elders, for worship, holiness, and mission. How does this clarify who the church is and what the church does?
- 3 What are some common misconceptions about the local church?
- 4 Out of the four important marks of a healthy church that were shared—living under the authority of God's Word, committed to ongoing transformation through the Spirit, committed to one another as the body of Christ, guided by faithful leaders—which one stands out to you? Where can we grow as a church and what are we doing well?
- 5 How does the reminder that Jesus is present with us through His Spirit encourage you? How should this make our church more confident?

PRAY

Pray that the local church, including Grace Polar, would be an effective witness for Christ in the world. As part of the local church, pray that your involvement in that witness would be equally effective.