

**THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

“I’m lost,” Freda said. “I don’t know what to do with my life.” Doug listened to Freda carefully before asking her, “Do you have a plan for your life?” Freda replied, “Doug, I just live from day to day, trying to make ends meet. What are you talking about?” “I am saying you need to know the reasons you were placed on this earth. Why did God place you here? The sooner you answer that question, the sooner you will know what to do with your life.” Some of us have the same problem as Freda. We don’t know what to do in the church because we have not discovered our purpose in the body of Christ.

Memory Verse: Psalm 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

**BIBLE LESSON**

Yahshua is the head of the Church. We are the members of his body. The church’s purpose is stated by Jesus himself. Yahshua told us to love Yahweh and our fellow man. He also told us to work to make disciples, to help others, and to spread the Gospel. This lesson explores the purposes of the body of Christ.

Jesus and the scriptures tell us to love God and Man. Mark 12:28-34, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Leviticus 19:18

Jesus and the Word of God tell us to work. Matthew 28: 16-20, Psalms 98:1-3, Isaiah 49:1-6 (6 is key), Acts 8:4-17

**APPLICATION**

Make a list of the duties of the body of Christ in light of what you have just read.

What are your roles in the body of Christ?

What are you doing to fulfill these roles?