Integral mission begins at the intersection of social service and spiritual evangelism.

WHAT IS INTEGRAL MISSION?

Integral Mission is the process of sharing the Good News through word and deed in balance. This reflects the mandate Jesus gave us as His followers and disciples (Matthew 5:13-14). There is no biblical dichotomy between evangelistic and social responsibility.

The church has slowly lost sight of the call to proclaim and demonstrate the Good News through Integral Mission. The global church is split between those who prioritize the ‘spiritual dimension’ or the ‘social dimension’.

Understand
Understand the mistake of practicing an incomplete Gospel, and clearly realize the mandate for Integral Mission.

Adapt
Be willing to adapt and redesign evangelical approaches to fully encompass Integral Mission.

Implement
Seek opportunities to implement Integral Mission into the life and actions of the church.

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Complete

The Gospel is INCOMPLETE without relevant acts of compassion that demonstrate the proclaimed word.

Integral mission is not a “means to an end” to bring about salvation. It is a vital part of what we are called to do as Christ followers. Christian life should be a balance of proclamation and demonstration co-existing in harmony.

To evaluate your organization’s status on integral mission, see our separate evaluation chart.

We embrace the witness of the whole Bible, as it shows us God’s desire both for systemic economic justice and for personal compassion, respect and generosity towards the poor and needy. We rejoice that this extensive biblical teaching has become more integrated into our mission strategy and practice, as it was for the early Church and the Apostle Paul.

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