



PART 3: Discipleship

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WARM UP QUESTION: What is the main purpose of the church?

READ: *Matthew 28:16-20*

FOCUS: God has given the church the mission (Great Commission) to make disciples of all nations. We all have a part to play in this and we are all called to be part of the discipleship process.

OBSERVE:

The Church is in the business of making disciples.

- **Why Do We Make Disciples?**
 - To honor Jesus Christ as Lord and to display His kingdom for the good of all.
 - God's first command in Genesis 1:28 was to multiply and fill the earth. Now we are called to multiply the disciples of Jesus and fill the earth with the goodness and beauty of God.
- **Who Makes Disciples?**
 - Disciples make disciples.
 - We must be in the discipleship process ourselves if we are going to make others into disciples of Jesus.

- Jesus did not just appear only to his closest twelve disciples, but rather he appeared to many people who were his disciples (1 Corinthians 15:6). All followers of Jesus were commissioned to make other disciples.

▪ How Do We Make Disciples?

- We build relationships and help others progress in their journey with God (with God's help).
- We engage our culture and community to Know God.
- We establish relationships with Christ, other believers, and in biblical foundations to Grow Together.
- We equip disciples to Discover Purpose.
- We empower disciples to Make a Difference.

REFLECT:

1. It is healthy for us to be under the leadership of a disciple maker and also to disciple others younger in the faith than we. Do you currently have one or more of these relationships? If not, what steps can you take to pursue these relationships?
2. How do your gifts empower you to make a difference for Christ in someone else's life?

TAKE ACTION:

- Find someone you trust who could be a spiritual mentor to you.
- Find someone in your sphere of influence who you can help along in their journey with God.

PRAY:

Father, thank You that You are a relational God and have invited us into relationships with You and with others. Help us to participate in discipleship in our lives so that Your Great Commission would be fulfilled. Bring us people to disciple and people to disciple us so that we can all be mature in our understanding and obedience of God's word. Amen.

