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"MAKING DISCIPLES: OUR MISSION"

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MATTHEW 28:19-20

CORE STATEMENT: We can raise money and build buildings, write great songs, preach great sermons and have the biggest and best kids' ministries, BUT if we don't make disciples, we have failed the Great Commission.

TRUTH: No matter how good a church is in winning souls, if she doesn't make disciples, she has failed to obey the Great Commission.

Discovering YOUR role in the mission of God means looking at three things:

1. Your secular abilities
2. Your spiritual gifts
3. The Great Commission to make disciples

I. MAKING DISCIPLES IS THE MISSION OF EVERY BELIEVER (Matthew 28:19).

TRUTH: Heaven doesn't celebrate church attendance, baptisms, or budgets but disciples.

INSIGHT: Everyone who follows Jesus Christ is to be a disciple-maker (John 15:8).

ASK YOURSELF: Am I bearing fruit? Am I making disciples? Can I point to anyone who attends "The Hill" because I brought them to faith and I'm helping them grow in Christ?

INSIGHT: Whenever God moves you, God's will is that you get busy replicating your faith into the life of someone else.

INSIGHT: Every day I come to work with an office full of Christians... most of you don't!

CONSIDERATION: Maybe God gave you skill either in medicine, teaching, business, or food service not just as a tool for making money, but as a platform for spreading the gospel!

II. HOW TO BECOME A DISCIPLE-MAKER

1. Own it (Matthew 4:19).

INSIGHT: Jesus makes disciple-makers out of the surrendered.

2. Understand the method.

INSIGHT: 75% of discipleship is informal.

INSIGHT: Hospitality is a huge evangelism tool.

GUT CHECK: Are there two or three people on your cell phone you could call and set up a time to go get a coffee?

3. Have a plan.

Pastor Richardson taught your staff: R E A D ...

a) What does this text or passage **R**eveal about God?

b) **E**xplain the text; what's it saying?

c) **A**pply the text; what impact does this have on my life?

d) What do I **D**o? In light of what I've learned, what do I need to change, begin doing, or share with someone else?

4. Stop making excuses. Tim Chester's book: *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering grace, community and mission around the table.*