

EVERY DISCIPLE MAKING DISCIPLES

What is Our Mission?

Our mission is to “make disciples” of all peoples through the Spirit-empowered speaking of the Word of God (the gospel)

“disciple-making” involves both speaking God’s word for conversion and for spiritual growth

Part Two: *Who is called to this mission?*

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Every Disciple...?

1. Nature of a Disciple

- a disciple of Jesus by definition is a disciple-maker (“fishers of men” – Matt. 4:19)
- there are not two categories of disciples of Jesus
- the “Great Commission” is the abiding command of Jesus for every disciple (Matt. 28:19-20)

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2. Evidence from Acts

- Acts 2:16-21: the eschatological gift of the Spirit has been poured out on all believers
- Acts 4:29-31: all believers were filled with the Holy Spirit for bold proclamation of the word of God
- Acts 8:1-4, 11:19-21: believers who were scattered went about preaching the word

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3. Commands to Every Christian

➤ *Ephesians 4:11-16*

- the proper working of each individual member causes the growth of the body
- the most basic function of each member is “speaking the truth in love”

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➤ *Hebrews 10:23-25*

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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- *Do you see yourself as a vine-worker for the kingdom of God?*

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- *Why is making disciples of Jesus our primary mission?*

"because there is something worse than death, and there is something better than human flourishing"

– DeYoung/Gilbert