



## Jesus' Mission- To Make Disciples

### MAIN THING

A disciple is someone who has moved from being the recipient of the church's mission to being responsible for the church's mission

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 13:1-9, Matthew 13:18-23

### ICEBREAKER

If I won the lottery, I wouldn't tell anyone, but the first thing people would notice would be . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

If you were to ask a hundred Christians the question, "What was Jesus' mission here on earth" you'd likely get a hundred different answers. Not many would answer, "To make disciples," yet that is exactly what His mission was. He spent three years investing in twelve men who would, in turn, invest in others who would invest in others, eventually taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

If this was the mission of Jesus, it should be the mission of the church as well. Jesus made disciples who could make disciples, and that is exactly what the church should be concerned with. However, it would be a difficult search to find a church that is actively doing that, whose leaders were engaged in disciple-making, whose members were engaged in disciple-making, and whose sole criteria for success would be whether or not the members were making disciples who could make disciples. It's time for the church to rediscover the mission of Jesus and make it the church's mission.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon identified the difference between a country club and a team. Do you view the church more as a country club or a team? What needs to change within you to have the correct perception of what it means to be part of a church? What is working against that?
3. The sermon stated that most people aren't ready to follow Christ and therefore we need to spend our time looking for those that are. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? How do you go about finding the right person to disciple who can in turn make a disciple?

### LIFE APPLICATION

The sermon identified the exponential nature of disciple-making. If the members of the church would commit to simply making one disciple who could make a disciple, the entire community could be reached very quickly. However, around ninety percent of Christians will never win another person to Christ let alone make a disciple. So, the unbelievable success of the church in the last two thousand years is attributable to the work of the Holy Spirit plus about ten percent of Christians. Imagine what this world would look like if even twenty percent of the church was engaged in disciple-making. If we go with the statement that "you aren't a disciple until you can make a disciple"- are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?

### CHALLENGE

How can this group support each other in disciple-making?