

Finding Your Role

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Jesus has commissioned the church to a very specific work: we are to make disciples of all nations. He also explained how he wants this to be done: we are to baptize and to teach obedience to everything Jesus has taught us. This simple command shapes all we do as a church.

Each of us has a role to play in reaching out to others with the love of God. The most important thing to remember is...

We do this work together.



Observations

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Disciples Make Disciples

Our training as disciples prepares us to make disciples.

"They worshipped him."

Jesus alone is worthy of our worship.

"Some doubted."

Jesus doesn't wait for perfection before calling us into service.

"All Authority has been Given to me."

God has given Jesus Christ authority because of his faithfulness to the cross.

Baptism

Baptism is the sign of regeneration and new life.

Teaching to Obey

Obedience is more than mere belief. Obedience bridges the gap between belief and action.

"I am with you always."

We do this work through the presence and empowerment of Jesus Christ.

Verses for Memory: Every mature Christian believer should know the Great Commission by heart. It is the central mission that guides our work as a church.



Your Notes *what God is saying to you:*

Application *for abundant living:*



Love is the first step in making disciples. Jesus came into this world out of his love for us, and we are called to make disciples out of our love for others.

Love must inform and empower everything we do.

Further Study *for a deeper understanding:*

Jesus Christ entered this world out of his great love for all humanity. He came not to rule over us as a dictator, but took on the form of a servant, and even bore our sins to the cross. This act of humility is celebrated in an early statement of faith found in:

Philippians 2:5-11

Questions *for reflection or group discussion:*

Learning what it means to be a disciple.

Growing as a disciple.

Helping others learn and grow.



Where are you on this continuum? (place and X)
What do you need to continue developing as a disciple?
What things can you do to help others grow and learn?