

Our Mission: Making Disciples Matthew 28:16–20

Observation #1: If our mission is making disciples, then we must rely on the authority and presence of Jesus.

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11)

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).” (Matthew 1:23)

Observation #2: If our mission is making disciples, then every one of us must be seeking to follow Jesus more faithfully.

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Observation #3: If our mission is making disciples, then everyone has a role to play.

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter.” (Charles Spurgeon)

Observation #4: If our mission is making disciples, then we have to strive to be a church where both non-Christians are converted and Christians grow.

Observation #5: If our mission is making disciples, then every ministry of our church should be defined by that goal.

Observation #6: If our mission is making disciples, we have to commit to relationships.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25)

Observation #7: If our mission is making disciples, we have to go.

Observation #8: If our mission is making disciples, that means that we’re in partnership, not competition, with other gospel churches.

Observation #9: If our mission is making disciples, then we have to make it our goal to reach people in our community and far beyond.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

Notes

Discuss

- What are some things about your personality, circumstances, commitments, or anything else that make it challenging to make disciples, and what can you do about those obstacles?
- How is the mission of making disciples different when it comes to non-Christians and Christians?
- What are some specific ways that you can intentionally help other Christians in this congregation follow Jesus?

Read

Daniel 7:9–14; John 10:1–18

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you more faithfully follow Jesus as a disciple.
- That God will give you opportunities to make disciples in your day-to-day life.
- That God will give our church the blessing of seeing people who do not know Jesus Christ come to know him and be baptized.

Announcements

- Realm (info@fsbcknobs.com for Help)
- Life Groups (Coye and Emily Still, Randy and Crystal Syring, and Steve and Miriam Christy)
- Membership Class: January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 9:30am
- Men's Breakfast: January 15 at 8:00am
- Officer Nominations: Due by January 31, 2022