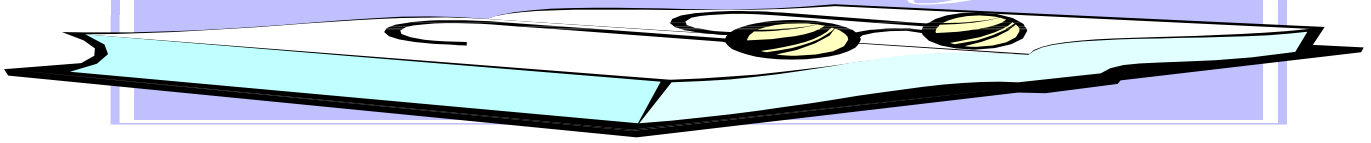


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Topic:
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Scripture Lessons: Matthew 28:18-20; John 12:20-36

Key Verses: Matthew 28:19; John 12:24-26

Proposition: We must place Christian discipleship and disciple making at the heart of the church.

I. The Mission of the Church: Making Christian Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

- A. **Evangelism** is the first step in making Christian disciples. (Mark 16:15,16)
- B. **Baptism** [initiation & assimilation into the Church] is the next step in making Christian disciples. (Mt. 28:19)
- C. **Teaching** converts to obey the commands of Christ is the crucial step in making Christian disciples. (Mt. 28:20)

II. The Essential Components of Christian discipleship: Self-death & Reproduction (John 12:24-26)

- A. **Self-death**
 - 1. Self-death is absolute surrender to Christ. (Matthew 8:34-38)
 - 2. Self-death is participating in Christ death in order to experience a new life in Christ. (Gal. 2:20)
 - 3. Self-death is dying to the old self in order that Christ may be formed in us. (Col. 3:9,10)
- B. **Reproduction**
 - 1. Reproduction is producing in others the fullness of life we have found in Christ. (Jn. 15:8,16)
 - 2. Reproduction is teaching believers how to live a life pleasing to God and equipping them to train others to train others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - 3. Reproduction is nurturing believers until they become mature, reproducing disciples. (Gal. 4:19)

III. The Marks of a True Disciple of Christ: Christ-like character

- A. **Obedience** is the first mark of a true disciple of Christ. (John 14:15,21-24)
 - 1. We walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:1-6,16)
 - 2. We study and obey God's Word. (Luke 11:28; John 8:31,32)
 - 3. We surrender our will to God's will. (Romans 12:1,2; Philippians 2:13)
- B. **Submission** is the second mark of a true disciple of Christ. (Matthew 11:28)
 - 1. We have an inner attitude of trust in our sovereign, loving, and omniscient God.
 - 2. We submit to Christ's authority as supreme in our lives. (Luke 14:25-33)
 - 3. We submit to Christ through His delegated authorities. (Hebrews 13:7,17)
 - 4. We receive authority through our submission. (Luke 7:7-8)
 - 5. We exercise our authority through servanthood. (Mark 10:42-45)
- C. **Love** is the third mark of a true disciple of Christ. (John 13:34,35)
 - 1. We accept God's forgiveness for our past, present, and future. (Is. 43:25; 1 Jn. 1:9)
 - 2. We accept and forgive ourselves on the basis of God's forgiveness of us. (1 Cor. 15:10)
 - 3. We forgive others. (Ephesians 4:32;5:1,2)
 - 4. We accept the forgiveness of others. (Colossians 3:12-14)
 - 5. We are a part of a healthy, loving, functioning Christian community. (Romans 12: 4,5,9-16)
- D. **Prayer** is the fourth mark of a true disciple of Christ. (Hebrews 4:16)

1. We begin our prayer time by worshipping, praising and honoring God. (1 Samuel 2:1,2)
2. We actively listen to God when we are in His presence. (Psalm 46:10)
3. We try to be consistent in our prayer life. (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
4. We try to be completely honest with God about our sins and faults. (Ps. 66:18, Pr. 28:13; Is. 59:2)