

# **Growing in His Likeness**

**How Do I Find My Purpose as a Christian?** Session 6 - October 15, 2023

All Christians are called to be missionaries and disciple-makers, witnessing to who Jesus is in their everyday lives.

## SUMMARY-

- The end goal of discipleship is to become a disciple-maker.
- The church is the embodied reality of Christ's ongoing work toward that end goal.
- When we join the church family in baptism, we are signing up for the mission of Jesus Christ: to make disciples.
- God uses the people of his church to represent him and bring others to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

#### **SOMETHING TO READ TOGETHER** -

"Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

What do you find intimidating about following this command? What do you find comforting? What do you find inspiring?

# SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT TOGETHER

What would it look like to be an everyday missionary and disciplemaker? Brainstorm some ideas, big and small, of how you can be a missionary in the city of Houston, in your workplace, and in your family.

## **SOMETHING TO TRY AT HOME**

Invite someone to Oktober on the Boulevard. (Learn more on reverse)

# Invite someone to church! On October 22, we are having a fall festival called "Oktober on the Boulevard", SJD's version of the German celebration of Oktoberfest. There will be homemade goods and foods for sale from local vendors, including cakes, beer, and bouquets made by our SJD members, as well as farm animals, games, and live music! This event is a simple way to get people to come visit our church and see what our church community is like. And then you can invite them

to come back for a service!

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