

## GCC's Mission & Vision

GCC's Mission is *To Make Disciples*. This mission is drawn from Jesus' own words in Matthew 4:19—"Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men," and in Matthew 28:19—"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

A **disciple** is someone who:

Follows Jesus—Jesus seeks followers who are radical, all-in, come what may, and heartfelt (Luke 9:23).

Abides in Jesus—to abide in Jesus is to live, dwell, and remain in His word and in His love (John 15:4; 8:31; 15:9).

Participates in the Mission of Jesus—by making disciples through the evangelism of the lost and the building up of the body of believers (Luke 4:43; Mark 10:13; Ephesians 4:12).

GCC's Vision is *Father-Willed, Christ-Compelled, Spirit-Led*. This emphasis on the triune nature of God is intimately connected with the mission to make disciples. Matthew 28:19 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." The name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is *Yahweh*. Yahweh is the tri-personal God.

We seek to become:

Father-Willed—Jesus notes that the one who does the will of the Heavenly Father is the one who enters the Kingdom (Matthew 21:7). Jesus perfectly modeled being Father-Willed (Luke 22:42). Jesus also clearly articulates that the will of the Father is that all who see the Son and believe in Him will have eternal life and that Jesus Himself will raise them up at the last day (John 6:38-40).

Christ-Compelled—Christ's perfect love compels us to live for Him (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

Spirit-Led—being led by the Spirit is how we know that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:14) and we must walk in step with the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

- How wholeheartedly do you embrace the mission and vision of GCC?
- Why emphasize following Jesus in "radical, all-in, come what may, heartfelt" ways?
- How do you abide in Jesus—how do you live, dwell, and remain in His word and His love?
- How do you build up the body of believers?
- Do you evangelize the lost? If not, why not?
- What prevents you from evangelizing—a lack of knowledge, a lack of confidence, fear?
- Which aspect of participating in the mission of Jesus does GCC excel in most?
- What is the connection between being a true disciple and being Father-Willed?
- What does Christ's loving sacrifice compel you to do?
- How can keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus' loving example compel us not to live for ourselves?
- How well are you led by the Holy Spirit? Do you pray to Him, asking Him to lead you?
- Pray with and for one another about continuing to grow as disciples and about evangelism.