

COMMUNITY

Don't Do Life Alone

“Leaning INTO Mission” | CommUNITY: Don't Do Life Alone

2Matthew 28:16-20

After rounding the bases, Aaron looked at Yogi Berra and said, “I didn't come up here to read.”

What are we here for?

We are here to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus! In his last words on Earth, he CO-missioned us, doubts and all, and promised He would always be with us. Why was Jesus so clear? Without a clear mission, He knew we would drift away from what matters most in life. At Mesa Church, our name is a practical way to understand our mission. And when we set the Table for others, we get to make the ULTIMATE difference in their lives.

Jesus is about to leave! So...his last words are IMPORTANT. What does he say?

Matthew 28:16-20: *16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!*

*18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go (as you are going) and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”*

Our mission IS to lead people into a GROWING relationship with Jesus.

- Jesus has been hanging out with his disciples for about 40 days...& SOME DOUBTED. → Ready or not...here i come!
- Our DOUBTS don't change His directive. → Jesus has CO-missioned us.
- Jesus has ALL authority in Heaven & Earth.
 - **MAKE DISCIPLES!** (μαθητεύσατε - aorist imperative): Mt. 13:52, Mt. 27:57, Acts 14:21,
 - as you go (participle - modifies the verb)
 - baptizing them (participle - modifies the verb)
 - teaching them (participle - modifies the verb)
 - **I AM WITH YOU!**

Without a clear mission, we drift. → We are a community walking hand in hand IN THE SAME DIRECTION. → UNITY!

- **The mission NEVER changes...but the methods do.**
 - **MISSION:** Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus.
 - Harvard
 - The YMCA
 - Pawn shop industry.
 - The Pew Trusts & Howard Pew
 - **METHODS:** Building, instruments (organ), small groups or SS...clothes, robes, choirs, no choirs...CULTURE!
 - Young Life.
- **Date the methods...MARRY the mission & what MATTERS!**
 - Mainline Protestant denominations are changing SUBSTANCE, not the SUPERFICIAL...and are shrinking.
 - Pentecostal/Evangelical have changed the SUPERFICIAL, not the SUBSTANCE...and are growing.
 - **EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE...BUT NOT THE MISSION, NOT JESUS, NOT DOCTRINE!!**

We will LEAN IN to mission.→We will lead people into a GROWING relationship with Jesus.→Our name is our mission.

- How do we do this organizationally?→NEXT WEEK: How do we do this ORGANICALLY!?
- TABLE: Its not the legs of the table that matter...its what happens at the Table that matters!
 - We will faithfully attend Sunday Services to KNOW GOD.
 - We will join a Small Group to FIND FREEDOM.
 - We will attend the Mixer/Growth Track to DISCOVER MY PURPOSE.
 - We will serve on a Dream Team to MAKE A DIFFERENCE.→We get to set the table...and...?!
- EVERY MEAL REQUIRES 2 things: People & Money.
 - We will give generously.
 - We invite people generously.
- **Mesa...your name is your mission.**→Jesus is still the host of this dinner!

→**Let's LEAN IN to community by being unified in making Jesus' mission, OUR MISSION!**

TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.

1. Do I understand the importance of focusing on what matters in my life with God, marriage, raising kids, & career?
2. What is the mission of Jesus as he relates it to His disciples in Matthew 28:16-20? How am I involved?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus' promises to always be with us as we fulfill His mission? For me personally?
4. What is Mesa Church's mission? How will this prevent mission drift in the days ahead? How can I be involved?
5. **PRAYER:** "Father, help me to be intentional about my involvement in the MISSION of Jesus through Mesa Church!"

QUOTES / SONGS:

- *"The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members."* - **William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury**

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- **Galatians 5:22-23** - *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

MESA CHURCH: Mesa Church exists to love people into a closer relationship with Jesus!

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