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Activating a Family on Mission

INTRODUCTION: We have a mission to fulfill and it's found in **Matthew 28:19-20** (NIV)
*¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age."*

Here is the mission...

- **Go**
- **Make Disciples**
- **Baptize**
- **Teach**

So Jesus has a **mission for us**, and His mission needs a family of missionaries going out in everyday ways through everyday rhythms. This is the primary focus of our talk today ... **we want to raise up a Family On Mission in places like this.**

Author Mike Breen writes: *"What we are calling Family On Mission is the texture of discipleship that allows the structure to do its job. Family On Mission is the music to the lyrics of discipleship. Family On Mission is how we stop thinking of discipleship as a task that we do and start living out discipleship as a way that we are. Family On Mission is how we stop doing discipleship as a class, program, or curriculum and start living it as a way of life."*¹

Here's how we live being a Family On Mission:

- **Love** - A Family On Mission needs to be a space where people can belong before they believe in order to discover what the love of Jesus is about.
- **Acceptance** - a Family On Mission needs to be a space where people can experience the acceptance of Jesus Christ as it draws them into faith and belief.
- **Forgiveness** - a Family On Mission needs to be a space where we find peace and rest for our souls for the things we have done and have been done to us. This comes through experiencing the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION: The ultimate expression of community is found in a functional extended family. We might even go so far as to say that God's big plan was to create a family ... in essence, His mission needed a family to incarnate (live in real time) the truths around which it forms, so the world can know God loves them.

¹ Mike & Sally Breen, "Family On Mission," (3DM Publishing, 2018), pi-ii.