

We Are Called To Be Missional

Why Church? - Part 3

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Main Point: Evangelism and Discipleship are required for believers.

The Great Commission:

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And 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[a] 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 28:16-20 ESV

1. **There is a difference between Evangelism and Discipleship.**

Go! **Evangelism** is the act of spreading the gospel message/ good news of Jesus Christ for the purpose of education and conversion.

Make disciples! **Disciple** means learner and is specific to followers of Jesus.

2. **We need to break our religious ways of thinking about when and where evangelism and discipleship take place.**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:42-47 ESV

3. **Being a disciple and learning how to evangelize to others through the power of the Holy Spirit will change lives and our community.**

Pray about what God is calling you to do or talking to God about a passion you have. If it's his will, he will give you opportunities to move.

Purpose - Why are you doing this? Is it evangelism focused, or

discipleship focused.

Practical - People want to go big and do great things. Get the little things right first. Remember K.I.S.S.

Plan - Map out how God is leading you and seek wise council to make sure you are not getting off track.

We are Gateway Community Church. Our Mission is to lead everyone to become more like Jesus.

How are you leading yourself and ____ to become more like Jesus?

Next Week: Why Church? Part 4