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Discipleship and Growth

Discipleship is the central focus of all that we do as a church.

- NorthPointe is a gospel-centered church that aims to make, mature and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"I have been given say over everything in Heaven and earth, so go make apprentices to me among people of every kind, submerge them in the reality of the Trinitarian God, and lead them into doing everything I have told you to do. Now look! I am with you every minute, until the job is completely done!" ~Dallas Willard

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

"Go, therefore..."

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“...make disciples...”

What is discipleship?

- “Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.”
-Dallas Willard
- The process of growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus to be like him in every respect.

Disciple Making

- The great commission is not, strictly speaking, a command to discipleship...it’s a command to disciple making.

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.”(2 Tim. 2:2)

Discipleship is not growth by addition but growth by multiplication.

- Would you rather lead 1000 people to Christ each day? (*Addition*)
- Or disciple 1 person a year? (*Multiplication*)

Can you lead 1000 people to Christ each day? No.

Could you disciple 1 person who goes out and discipled 1 person and so on? Yes!

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"...of all the nations..."

"...in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." (Gen. 12:3)

"...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit..."

"...teaching them to follow all that I commanded you..."

- As disciples unto Jesus, we take what we know and instill those things in someone else who's not as far along on the journey.

"...and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."