

**MAKE DISCIPLES**  
**Meadowbrook Community Church**  
**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

*Go into all the world and MAKE DISCIPLES, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and 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 28:18-20*

**WE MAKE DISCIPLES, NOT JUST CONVERTS**

The Great Commission is not merely to go to the ends of the earth preaching the gospel, nor to baptize a lot of converts, nor to teach them the precepts of Christ, but to ‘make disciples’—to build men like themselves who were so constrained by the commission of Christ that they not only followed Jesus themselves, led others to follow him too.

The criteria upon which any church should measure its success is not how many new names are added to the roll, nor how much the budget is increased, but rather how many Christians are actively winning souls and training them to win the multitudes.  
-The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman

**1. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?**

A disciple did not merely want to know what his master knew, but do what his master did.” Ray Vander Laan

**2. WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THE DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS?**

- In Titus 2, Paul commands the older women to train younger women.
- In 2 Timothy 2, Paul tells Timothy to train faithful men in his congregation “so they can train others also.”
- In Ephesians 6, Paul tells fathers to train their children in the ways of God.
- In Matthew 28, he commands missionaries to make disciples of all the nations.
- In Hebrews 3, the writer commands all Christians to exhort each other and build each other up every day.
- Peter and Paul in their letters command each Christians to use their gifts to build up and serve others.

*By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8*

*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2*

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the LORD’s will is. Ephesians 5:15-17*

**FOUR CORE IDENTITIES OF A DISCIPLE...**

**1st Identity of a Disciple: WORSHIPER**

“Worship is not part of the Christian life; IT IS the Christian life.” -Chris Tiegreen

**2nd Identity of a Disciple: FAMILY MEMBER**

*While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:46-50*

**3rd Identity of a Disciple: SERVANT**

*Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus--who, though he had all rights and all power, took upon himself the form of a servant, considering the needs of others more important than his own. Philippians 2:5*

**4th Identity of a Disciple: WITNESS**

*Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men. Matthew 4:19*

**Are You a Disciple?**

*And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. Acts 11:26*