

Church IS Discipleship
Fulfilling the Great Commission
Matthew 28:19–20

The church does not merely have a discipleship ministry.

The church *is* discipleship.

Christ builds His church by making disciples who become disciple-makers.

The Umbrella of Biblical Discipleship

☂ CHRIST

Head of the Church

Ephesians 1:22–23



☂ ELDERS / LEADERS

Equip • Shepherd • Guard

Ephesians 4:11–12 • Acts 20:28



☂ GROUPS / DISCIPLESHIP

Teaching • Fellowship • Accountability

Acts 2:42–47 • Hebrews 10:24–25



☂ MEMBERS / DISCIPLES

Every believer growing and discipling

Christ's Pattern for His Church

1. Christ Gives the Mission

- Jesus is the Head of the Church.
- He alone defines the mission.
- The Great Commission belongs to every church.

Notes:

2. Leaders Equip the Saints

- Shepherd the flock.
- Teach sound doctrine.
- Prepare believers for ministry.

Notes:

3. Groups Produce Disciples

- Biblical teaching
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Accountability
- Spiritual growth

The early church continued steadfastly in these things.

Notes:

4. Every Member Is Sent

Every disciple is called to:

- Reach people
- Make disciples
- Serve the body
- Reproduce faithful followers of Christ

God added to the church as believers continued faithfully in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, worship, and witness.

Notes:

The Cycle of Discipleship

REACH → DISCIPLE → EQUIP → MULTIPLY → GLORIFY CHRIST

When every believer is being disciplined and discipling others, **the church is fulfilling the Great Commission.**

Key Thought

Church is not primarily a place we attend.

It is Christ's people being disciplined and making disciples under His authority.