

The Church and The Next Generation

Making Disciples That Take Risks

Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 20

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“Believers’ task in life in essence is to duplicate themselves in others, leading men and women in every part of the world to faith, baptism, and obedience to all of Christ’s commands.” - *Holman Concise Bible Commentary*

You are the Church, and making disciples is your mission.

Matthew 28:19-20

[19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

1 Command – Make Disciples

Disciple – Follower who submits himself to learn from and live like the one they are following.

3 Prescriptions – Go, Baptizing, Teaching

1 Great Promise – I am with you always

Be a disciple and make disciples that risk it all.

Acts 20:17-27

[22] And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, [23] except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. [24] But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:22-24 ESV)

1. You must consider the cost.

If our single, all-embracing passion is to make much of Christ in life and death, and if the life that magnifies him most is the life of costly love, then life is risk, and risk is right. To run from it is to waste your life.

– *John Piper “Risk is Right” Pg. 16*

2. You must submit to the sovereign will of God.

3. Make disciples that do the same. This is your ministry.

Comfort
Opposes
Ministry, but
Faith
Offers
Radical
Transformation

Comfort
Offers
Me
Frequent
Opportunities to
Reject
Truth

(CJ Mahaney Why Small Groups? PDI Communications Pg. 99)

Ask yourself these questions.

Are you wasting your life living for the comfort of this world rather than risking it for the glory of your king?

Are you so afraid of risk that it is impacting how you make disciples?

How are you discipling the next generation?

