

The Church

11 - Its Ultimate Mission – It Will Not Fail

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1. Definitions

Church – People...us...as a body [Acts 2:42-47]

Mission – The unique thing that we are sent to do

Disciple – One who follows and obeys Jesus

Making Disciples – Introducing people to Jesus and helping them to grow through teaching, modeling, and encouragement

Being a Disciple – Living like Jesus, with love, compassion, holiness, and good works

2. What is the Church's Ultimate Mission

To go and make disciples...

- **Of Jesus**
- **In the power of the Holy Spirit**
- **Here and There**

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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 observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20 NASB

3. What does it look like for us

As a church – inordinate amount of time, effort, money focused on making disciples

- Disciple-making preaching
- Disciple-making small groups
- Disciple-making classes, children's and youth ministries
- Intensive discipleship (Counseling)
- Time/encouragement for people to reach their neighbors
- Strong emphasis to Go and make disciples (Missions)

Ready-made opportunities:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Sunday morning Serve Teams (setup, traffic, coffee, welcome, security)
- Worship/AV
- Small Groups
- Counseling
- Missions (B-teams, internationals, missionaries)

Homework: Fill in the blank:

“I am intentionally engaged in the ultimate mission of making disciples by _____”

Or better yet, have someone who knows you well answer it for you. God gives grace to the humble.