







Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

THE CHURCH

WHAT IS IT?
DOES IT MATTER?
SHOULD YOU CARE?

Its Mission and Purpose



The Prime Imperative: “To Disciple”

(to train, to mentor, to coach)



The Three Activities of a “Discipler”:

1. Going
2. Baptizing
3. Teaching



Context:

Go

Goal:

Baptize

Teach



Context:

Go

Living...



Goal:

Baptize

Teach



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Go

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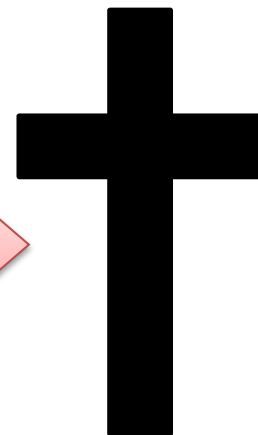
Goal:

Baptize

Marking...



Instructing...



Context:

Go

Living...

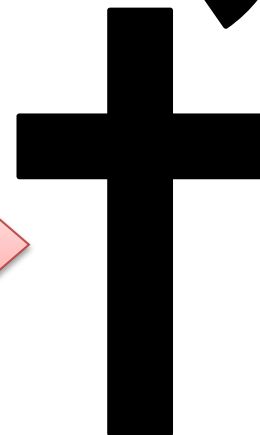
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Our Mission is not convincing, converting, or winning people...

...That's God's job.

Discipleship: simply bringing people to the “school of Jesus” and helping them learn his ways.



Our Mission is

Demanding!

~~Discipleship~~

**Over-
whelming!**

I'm Hesitant...



The structure of Christian faith and life is bipolar: disciples live between worship and doubt or mixed with both worship and doubt... Christians are both

believers and doubters,
adoring and wondering,
trusting and questioning.

Is it not refreshing that Matthew admits this?

F. Dale Bruner



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Then Jesus came to them

and said...

Matthew 28:17b-18a (NIV)

