

Make Disciples Who Will Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-14

Introduction:

We are wrapping up our vision series (Re:Focus). This week we're focused on our mission and purpose, which is based on the central command for all believers and comes out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20:

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Discuss:

1. As you reflect on the sermon, what stood out to you? What challenged you? Were there any questions you want answered?

Part 1: Make disciples.

2. Scripture teaches that all Christians are disciples of Jesus, meaning we all should pattern our lives to Jesus, so our values and actions are shaped by him. How much does this impact your life, presently?

3. Gospel formation is at the heart of the biblical understanding of discipleship. At Redeemer, we are committed to making disciples of Jesus, to seeing our church family members living a life of holistic integration of faith in every sphere of life. Our preaching, teaching, studies, serving, and worship services encompass these six spheres of formation. (Read full descriptions here: <https://redeemersd.org/about/>) Consider how much your values and actions are shaped by Jesus in each of the six spheres of your life:

- Identity
- Family and relationships
- Church and mission
- Work and rest
- Neighborhood and justice
- Theology and worldview

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Part 2: Make disciples "who will make disciples."

4. If Redeemer's mission is to see people become committed disciples of Jesus, and for committed disciples of Jesus to become life-long disciple makers for Jesus... what part do you play?

5. Who has discipled and/or is discipling you? What has that relationship looked like? How did it begin? How have they encouraged and supported you?

6. Who are you discipling? Or, who might you begin discipling?

Apply

All this talk of making disciples can sometimes feel burdensome. But, following Jesus is not always comfortable. In fact, it regularly requires sacrifice. Jesus calls us to follow him even to death. Hebrews 12 says we do it for the joy that is set before us. If we have this joy, we can run through walls! We can make disciples who make disciples! The joy of the Lord is our strength. As you go about your week, consider the two sides of this mission statement:

- 1) How much of *me* is being patterned after Jesus? Is his imprint on all six spheres of my life?
- 2) Who is discipling me? And who am I discipling?