

# EMBRACING THE CALL



*Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.*

PROVERBS 29:18





# GREATEST COMMANDMENT

"Love the Lord your God ... Love your  
neighbor as yourself."

MATTHEW 22:37-39




# GREAT COMMISSION

"Therefore go and make disciples of  
all nations."

MATTHEW 28:19





**A great commitment to  
the Great Commandment and  
the Great Commission will  
grow a great church.**

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Rick Warren

*Worship (Matt. 22:37-38)*

*Service (Matt. 22:39)*

*Reaching (Matt. 28:19a)*

*Connection (Matt. 28:19b)*

*Discipleship (Matt. 28:19c)*



Matt. 22:37 ***"You shall love the LORD  
your God with all your heart, with all  
your soul, and with all your mind."***

**WORSHIP**  
connect to God

***you were planned for God's pleasure***

# **BENEFITS OF WORSHIP**

- 1) WORSHIP FOCUSES YOUR ATTENTION ON GOD.
- 2) WORSHIP CULTIVATES INTIMACY WITH GOD.
- 3) WORSHIP CULTIVATES DEEPER REVELATION.
- 4) WORSHIP CHANGES YOUR EMOTIONAL STATE.
- 5) WORSHIP CHANGES OUR RELATIONSHIPS.
- 6) WORSHIP TRANSFORMS OUR CHARACTER.
- 7) WORSHIP CAUSES GOD TO ACT ON OUR BEHALF.

*Matt. 22:39 You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself.*



*you were shaped for  
serving God*





# BENEFITS OF SERVING

1. SERVING OTHERS FOSTERS LONGEVITY.
2. FOSTERS HAPPINESS & JOY
3. CREATES CONNECTIONS AND COMRADERY.
4. ATTRIBUTES TO HIGHER SELF-ESTEEM.
5. GIFTS AND TALENTS ARE DISCOVERED.
6. GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO SERVE.
7. SERVING OTHERS ADVANCES THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
8. GOD TAKES CARE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHEN YOU TAKE CARE OF HIS BUSINESS.



**Matt. 28:19a**

***“GO and Make Disciples”***



**REACHING OUT**

***you were made for a mission***



# EFFECTIVE WAYS OF REACHING OUT

- 1) FIND OUT WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO AND GO DO IT WITH UNBELIEVERS.
- 2) ASK IF YOU COULD PRAY FOR SOMEONE.
- 3) INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO CHURCH EVENTS.
- 4) BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO SOMEONE WHO ASKS YOU OF THE HOPE YOU HAVE.
- 5) FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM=BECOME FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE LORD.
- 6) LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH IN FRONT OF OTHERS.
- 7) SUPPORT MISSIONS

Matt. 28:19b

*“Baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit”*



*you were formed for God's family*



# BENEFITS OF CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

1. IT'S GOOD FOR OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH.
2. MAKES US WISER – “Iron sharpens Iron” (Prov. 27:17).
3. MAKES US STRONGER CHRISTIANS (Rom. 1:12).  
*“Every exchange with others counts for eternity. We are either weakening people’s affections for God, or strengthening them” (John Piper)*
4. HELPS US TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO ONE ANOTHER.
5. OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW FRIENDSHIPS.
6. FOSTERS A SPIRIT OF UNITY & LOVE.
7. LEADS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH/TRUE DISCIPLESHIP.

Matt.28:19c “*and teaching them*”



# DISCIPLESHIP

YOU WERE CREATED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST





# Definitions of Discipleship

- Christian discipleship is the process that takes place within accountable relationships over a period of time for the purpose of bringing believers to spiritual maturity in Christ (Eastbourne Consultation on Discipleship. Definition presented by leaders from 54 countries)
  - Discipleship is the *diligent* and *intentional teachings* and *practices* that promote the lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus and reproducing Him in others.
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# Characteristics of Discipleship

- Discipleship is all about *relationships*: Our personal relationship with Jesus in devotion, relationships with other believers in care and accountability, and relationships with non-believers in evangelism.
  - Discipleship has two bookends: *transformation* and *multiplication*
    - *Transformation* occurs when we fervently pursue Jesus with all of our hearts.
    - *Multiplication* comes as a result of *evangelism* and *mentoring*. We're not disciples unless we're *discipling others*.
  - Discipleship is a *process*, not an event. We never graduate from growing more Christ-like. It is a goal that should consume our attention until the day we meet Jesus face to face.
  - Discipleship is a life spent seeking Christ-likeness in the *company of other seekers*. As Jesus modeled it, discipleship is done best through relationships.
  - Since discipleship is a *non-negotiable* (it is the Great Commission), discipleship must be an *intentional* focus of every believer and every ministry.
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# Core Values of Discipleship

Discipleship requires a *balanced combination* of teaching experiences (engagement with the Word), worship experiences, fellowship experiences, ministry experiences, and evangelism/mission experiences.

- *Teaching* (becoming transformed by God's Truth);
  - *Worship* (delighting God in all you do);
  - *Fellowship* (experiencing Life in the Fellowship of others who love Him);
  - *Service/Ministry* (investing your energies in His purposes)
  - *Evangelism/Mission* (sharing the Good News of Jesus);
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***We Exist to:***

Bring people to Jesus and into  
fellowship with each other, and  
develop them into mature  
disciples,  
teaching them to love God  
above all, and equip them  
for works of service.