



REDEEMER

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MISSION

We believe that what we do as a church must be a reflection of who we are in Christ. Just as God's actions in the word tell us something of His eternal character and nature, so our work in the world is a reflection of who we are as a people. Because the most important work to be done has already been done for us by Jesus, we seek to represent and serve Him above all else. As the Lord of Creation and the King of a Kingdom, only Jesus has the right to rule and command his people. In Matthew 28:16-20, we have a very clear command from Jesus. He commissioned us to:

GO (v.19)

Jesus sends this new community, who have all been changed by Jesus, to share the most important message in the world. He had already told them that others would know they were His disciples by their love for one another (Jn 13:34-35), which is why Jesus created the Church. We believe that evangelism is a community effort, where we learn to clearly put the love of God on display by the way we love one another. **We do this in our missional communities**, small groups that identify who they believe Jesus is sending them to, and learn how to best serve and love that group the way Jesus does. We are his hands for serving, his feet for going, his ears for listening, and his mouth for proclaiming the gospel.

MAKE DISCIPLES (v.19)

By baptizing people in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit (28:19), the original disciples were commissioned to teach others about life in the Kingdom and how to actually do what Jesus taught. Disciple making is God's strategy for filling the earth with people who think, live and love like God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. Thus, discipleship is the process where we learn who God is, who we are in Jesus, and how to live that out in a Spirit empowered community. As we learn who God is, our views are challenged and confronted. As we learn who we are and who we can be in Jesus, our patterns of thinking and living are challenged. As we learn to live differently in community through the Spirit, the disconnect between what we say we believe and how we actually live is challenged. **We begin this process through Sunday morning worship**, where we teach clearly and consistently from the Word of God for our growth as disciples, and carry it out into every area of life.

TEACHING TO OBEY (v.20) :

Jesus' teaching about life in the Kingdom provides the curriculum for our discipleship. It is about bringing the entirety of our lives into obedience to Jesus. After telling the people that everyone who hears his words and does them will be compared to a wise builder (Matt 7:24), he tells them that whoever does the will of the Father is his brother, sister and mother (Matt 12:50). We believe that what Jesus taught about life is not only best, but possible, and that God is asking us to be doers of His Word, not just hearers (Jas 1:22). **We learn to do this in our DNA groups**. Many of us have the knowledge, but that doesn't always translate to belief or practice. This is why we come together with other disciples, some further along than us, others just starting out, to both teach and learn from each other, to help in areas we are being deceived, grow in areas of unbelief and develop a greater joy in the fullness of life Jesus promised.