

Rhythms of the Kingdom - Discipleship

Review

- God blesses His version of a church
- Acts 2 Gospel and church components **of a church**
- **Our vision: To reach the world for Jesus one person at a time**
- **Our mission: To make biblical disciples in relational environments**
- Every Christian is called to be a disciple of Jesus (and to become a disciple maker)
- Some say I am not a disciple I am just a Christian – **NO!**

Acts 6:1 (ESV) ¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 11:25–26 (ESV) ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

This week - What is a Disciple?

- Our Shared Language A disciple is – Mt 4:19—following – being changed by – committed to the mission of Christ in the 5 spheres (more on this in week 5)

Matthew 4:19 (ESV) ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Notice who He called—normal people for what? –Maturity in Christ Jesus

Colossians 1:28–29 (ESV) ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

1st The call was to follow Him –HEAD

- He comes and says follow me – He is the Lord of heaven and earth

John 12:23–26 (ESV) ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (ESV) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until 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, ¹⁴ so 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. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which

it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 5:23–24 (ESV) ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

2nd We are being changed by Jesus –to become more like Himself --HEART

- Loving God and others
- As we grow we become more and more in relationship with God and others – and as a result the church grows – we believe many in our church is good – so many say I am more comfortable in a small church where everyone knows me – from the beginning we believe God waits to return so that none should be lost – the only way we will care if others are saved is if we are growing in Christ – a selfish heart says its about me – A Christ filled heart says I need less of me and more of Him

Romans 8:29 (ESV) ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

3rd We are committed to mission of Jesus (Fishers of men)– with all that we have -HANDS

- Based on His foreknowledge chosen for redemption and service
- Fishers of men

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Ephesians 1:3–6 (ESV) ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Being the Feet – later in the series

The components of a church work together to create mature disciples-

Question –are you in a church becoming a mature disciple?

Question- are you growing in spiritual maturity –how would we know if we are?

