

Matt.28: 19

- I. The great commission. “Go and make disciples of all Nations”
 - A. It was called the great commission because:
 1. It was Jesus’ Last commission to His disciples
 2. In it he gave them direction and a scope of what He wanted them to do.
 - B. “Go” in the Greek tense means “As you Go” or “In your going”
 1. It refers to your life style or the manner in which you live.
 2. In the midst of your going, circumstantially and geographically, make disciples of all nations
 3. He was telling them how to be a particular kind of person that would advance the Kingdom of God.
 - C. There is only 1 requirement on the great commission
 1. You cannot make someone else into something you are not.
 - You must 1st be a disciple yourself
 - D. How does the church grow?
 1. It does not grow by professional pastors doing their job well
 2. It does not grow through programs, or activities
 3. It grows by every one who is called a Christian or a Disciple having 1 primary focus.
 - Make a disciple out of every person they have contact with.
 - Recreate what Christ did for you in someone else.
 - E. “Nations” in the Greek is “Ethnos”
 1. Ethnos means Nationality
 2. Does not mean all Nations all Flags, but all Nations all People
 - All races, all nationalities, all social classes, all people groups.
 - F. Primary problem with this doctrine.
 1. Churches typically don’t make disciples
 2. Less than 2% of born again believers will lead 1 person to Christ in their lifetime.
 3. Religious organizations complicate making disciples.
 - G. The Church vs. A Shoe Factory
 1. What do you expect them to make?
 - a. A shoe factory is supposed to make shoes
 - b. The church is supposed to make disciples
 2. At some point the product has to come out the other end
 - a. It does not do any good to just look like you are busy.
 - b. Where are the disciples?

- II. Christian vs. Disciple (Acts 11: 25-26)
 - A. Is there a difference?
 - 1. In American everyone calls them selves a Christian
 - Your neighbor to the filthy mouthed Rapper
 - 2. The line has been blurred
 - a. We have Christian/NewAge/Cabala/Meditation/Etc.
 - b. There is corruption in the church
 - 3. American Christians go to church as long as they have:
 - a. Enough parking
 - b. Good children programs
 - c. Short services
 - d. Good music
 - e. No confrontation
 - f. No offense
 - g. No one asking them to do anything
 - B. What does a disciple look like?
 - 1. Jesus set the example of a disciple.
 - He set a high standard and lowered it for no one
 - 2. A true Disciple looks like Jesus.
 - a. Loves God with all his heart, all his soul, and all his mind.
 - b. Loves his neighbor as himself.
 - c. Denys himself and does not seek his own
 - d. Lives his life for others
 - 3. Only a Disciple was called a Christian
 - a. The church has it backwards
 - They are trying to make Christians in to Disciples.
 - b. Only about 20% of the American church could be classified as a Disciple.
 - C. Disciples will turn the world upside down (Acts 6:1,2,7)
 - 1. It was the multiplying disciples in Acts that had the impact.
 - 2. We need to be disciples that multiply
 - 3. The church needs to be more righteous than the world is wicked
 - 4. Only 2 types of people followed Christ
 - a. The fully devoted
 - b. The fully unconnected.

