

# BY MAKING DISCIPLES AND MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

Foundations for Life in Christ and  
Leadership in the Church

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## The Mission of MBC

We glorify God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations,  
beginning in greater Washington, D.C.

## The Mission of Our Lives

- To enjoy God's grace in a relationship with Him.
- To exalt God's glory to the ends of the earth.

## How Do We Accomplish This Mission?

- We glorify God by growing as disciples of Jesus.

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*Romans 8:28-30*

*<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

*2 Peter 1:3-4*

- The more we look to Jesus, the more we look like Jesus.

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

- The more we emulate Jesus, the more we exalt Jesus.

*"He must increase, but I must decrease."*

*John 3:30*

- We glorify God by \_\_\_\_\_ making \_\_\_\_\_ disciples of Jesus.

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

*Matthew 28:18-20*

*“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

- We glorify God by multiplying \_\_\_\_\_ churches \_\_\_\_\_ that reflect Jesus.

*<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

*Ephesians 1:22-23*

*<sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.*

*Ephesians 3:8-12*

### **What We Do: Make Disciples and Multiply Churches**

- The Great Commission is not a comfortable call for most Christians to come, be baptized, and sit in one location.
- The Great Commission is a costly command for every Christian to go, baptize, and make disciples of all nations.

*And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

*Matthew 4:19*

- Jesus’ introduction in Matthew 4: Every follower of Jesus is a fisher of men.
- Jesus’ conclusion in Matthew 28: Every disciple is a disciple-maker.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ share \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

*Acts 1:8*

- We speak about the gospel as we live according to the gospel.
- Evangelism is where disciple-making starts, not where it stops.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ show \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*Romans 6:1-4*

- Baptism symbolizes identification with the person of Christ and inclusion in the body of Christ.
- The world longs to see a demonstration of Christ that accompanies our explanation of Christ.
- We are devoted to the process of disciple-making for \_\_\_\_\_ others’ \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification.
- We are dependent on the process of disciple-making for our \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification.
- When we’re making disciples, we’re living for the glory of God in others.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ teach \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

*<sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*Deuteronomy 6:6-9*

- We don’t just receive the Word; we \_\_\_\_\_ reproduce \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.
- As Christians, we must all...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Know \_\_\_\_\_ the essentials of following Jesus.
  - Model, \_\_\_\_\_ teach \_\_\_\_\_, and reproduce the essentials of following Jesus.

- We \_\_\_\_\_ serve \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

*“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”*

*Acts 20:24*

- Are we discipling or disinfecting Christians?
- Disinfecting \_\_\_\_\_ isolates \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian in a spiritual safety deposit box called the church building and teaches him or her to be good. This results in...
  - Decent church members with little impact on eternity.
  - Disobedience to God’s command to reach the entire world.
  - Wasted lives.
- Discipling \_\_\_\_\_ propels \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian into the world to risk his or her life for the sake of others. This results in...
  - Disciples of Christ with significant impact on eternity.
  - Obedience to God’s command to reach the entire world.
  - Abundant lives.
- The critical question we must constantly ask as followers of Christ and leaders in the church:
  - How can we most \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ fruitfully \_\_\_\_\_ make disciples of all nations?
- The inevitable conclusion of making disciples of all nations...
  - We will multiply \_\_\_\_\_ churches \_\_\_\_\_ among all nations.

*Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.*

*Acts 8:4*

*<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.*

*Acts 11:19-21*

*Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

*Acts 13:1-3*

## Why We Do This: Because Jesus is Lord

*“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*

*Acts 2:36*

- Jesus is not just the \_\_\_\_\_ personal \_\_\_\_\_ Lord and Savior over us.
- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ universal \_\_\_\_\_ Lord and Savior over all.
  - He has authority over nature and nations.
  - He has authority over disease and demons.
  - He has authority over sin and death.
  - He has authority over \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - He has authority over \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Philippians 2:9-11*

- Jesus’ authority compels us to go.

*And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

*Revelation 5:9-10*

- His worth is the \_\_\_\_\_ fuel \_\_\_\_\_ of our mission.
- His worship is the \_\_\_\_\_ goal \_\_\_\_\_ of our mission.
- Jesus’ authority gives us confidence as we go.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*Romans 1:16*

- This gospel will \_\_\_\_\_ save \_\_\_\_\_.
- This mission will \_\_\_\_\_ succeed \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

*Revelation 7:9-10*

## How We Do This: In Total Dependence on His Spirit

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:12-14

- This mission is not based on who \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ are or what \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ can do.
- This mission is based on who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ is and what He is able to do in and through our lives.
- Let's experience the \_\_\_\_\_ power \_\_\_\_\_ of His presence with us.
- Let's hope in the \_\_\_\_\_ promise \_\_\_\_\_ of His return for us.

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Matthew 24:14

### Practical Takeaway

<sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

- Pray and work to make \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ disciple.