

I AM HOPE

Making The _____ Thing The _____ Thing

Matt. 28:18-20; Selected Scriptures

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1. You need to know the _____ of the CHURCH in order to know your purpose as a _____.

Matthew 28:18-19a (NLT) - Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,

*THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS TO _____

Make Disciples – mathēteuō;

YOUR PURPOSE AS A CHRIST FOLLOWER IS TO _____ AS A DISCIPLE & _____ DISCIPLES!

2. You must understand what it takes to _____ a _____.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) - Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

A. _____ them (19b) – focuses on bringing people to conversion/salvation. (_____)

Making disciples helps people _____ Jesus.

John 15:8 (NLT) - When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

B. _____ them . . . to obey (20) – focuses on nurturing people to full maturity. (_____)

Making disciples helps people who know Jesus _____ in Jesus.

John 8:31 (NLT) - Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.

3. You must _____ and _____ the signs of being a _____.

A. Disciples _____ !

Mark 12:28-30 (NLT) - One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God

with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

B. Disciples _____ ALL _____!
Mark 12:31 (NLT) - The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

John 13:34-35 (NLT) - So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

WE ARE CALLED TO _____, NOT _____.

C. Disciples help _____ THE _____ by helping change people's _____.

Acts 17:6 (ESV) - And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,"

• _____ **THE GOSPEL BY _____ TO OTHERS**

Acts 17:2-4 (ESV) - And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, (3) explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." (4) And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great

many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

• _____ **THE GOSPEL BY _____ OTHERS**

Mark 10:42-45 (NLT) - So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Questions to Consider

1. Who is the person who most helped shape you into the person you are today?
2. Was their influence on your life planned and intentional or by chance?
3. What is the relationship between knowing God's purpose for His church and knowing God's purpose for your life?
4. Have you helped anyone come to know Jesus by sharing your faith in Jesus with him or her? Explain.
5. Have you helped anyone grow in Jesus? Explain.
6. How do you show your commitment to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength?
7. How do you show your commitment to love all people?

8. Do you find it easy or difficult to love all people? Explain.
9. How can you allow yourself to be used by God to change the world?
10. How does showing love and serving others give your faith in God credibility to others?
11. What specific teaching of Christ in making disciples do you need to obey more consistently?
12. What step can you take this week to make disciples?