



**First Baptist Church Exists  
to **Make Disciples of Jesus Christ** By...**

- Truthfully **TEACHING** God's Word
- Sacrificially **LOVING** One Another
- Selflessly **SERVING** Others
- Faithfully **ENGAGING** Our World

The greatest mission of FBC Chickamauga is to be a disciple-making church who is outwardly focused on reaching people of all ages with the gospel of Jesus.

FBC Chickamauga must be making disciples of Jesus as we go out into the world, baptize in the name of Jesus and teach the commands of Jesus.

**Making Disciples of Jesus Requires Us to-**

**(18-19c)**

"Disciple" refers to one who is a follower of Jesus because they follow him as their teacher.

"Whoever does not...follow after me cannot be my disciple."-Jesus in Luke 14:27

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."-Jesus in John 8:31

To be a Christian one must be a disciple and if one is not a disciple then one is not a Christian.

When Jesus commands "make disciples" he is commanding us to make people followers of Jesus and his teachings (19b).

Jesus authorizes and insures the mission of making disciples as he promises that "all authority...over heaven and earth" has been given to him from the Father (Phil. 2:9-11).

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. It remains an abstract idea, a myth..."-Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Cost of Discipleship*

A person cannot be a Christian without being a disciple who follows the teachings of Jesus.

A disciple is one who is not just "convinced" of *who* Jesus is and *what* he did at the cross but they are "committed" to Jesus with their life (Mt. 16:24; Gal 2:20).

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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."-Jesus in Matthew 4:19

Churches who are on mission with Jesus in making disciples are composed of those who are first growing as disciples of Jesus.

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"Go" literally reads "as you go" and emphasizes that making disciples is something Christians are always doing wherever they may be.

Due to the rapid secularization of our culture, churches on mission with Jesus' command to "make disciples" must seek out new and unconventional ways to interact with our community and area.

Baptism is the act of identification by which a person dies to themselves and the world in order to follow Jesus as a disciple (1 Cor. 10:1-4).

Baptism is an outward sign of an inner confession of faith in Jesus as one identifies themselves in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rms. 6:3-4).

"Baptize" refers to the act of making disciples as people respond in repentance and faith to Jesus as Savior and Lord (Acts 2:38).

"Teaching them" is the work of the church in growing disciples in the truth of God's word (Acts 2:42).

Teaching and preaching are critical to FBC Chickamauga making disciples (literally "learners") through teaching the Word of God (Jn. 17:17; 1 Tim. 4:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-4:5).

Going, baptizing and teaching require us to be intentional in our evangelism through going out into our community and area.

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Evangelism is not a program or activity but a worldview of seeing the brokenness and pain of sin in the lives of our family, neighbors, coworkers and friends while loving them with the Gospel.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."-1 Peter 3:15

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
For corporate evangelism to be successful we must see making disciples as the reason for our existence as a congregation.

"I will build my church..."-Jesus in Matthew 16:18

Jesus will only grow the church who is living as Jesus' church by living out the mission of making disciples.

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