

Total Member Involvement

Principles of Discipleship & Evangelism

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Objectives of This Study

- To identify the mission of the church
- To define the concept of Disciple making
- To identify Christ's method for evangelism
- To Identify factors that contribute to church growth



Introduction

- Total Member Involvement is about every member doing something for Christ
- “The church of Christ is organized for Service” (Ministry of Healing 148)
- “Every church should be a training school for Christian workers” (MOH 149)



Mission of the Church

- What do we mean by “Mission?”
- Mission refers to the purpose



- For what purpose do members join the church and enter into its activities?
- To be fed ...
- Some come for Inspiration
- Out of habit ...
- Because God requires it



- Personal needs ...
- Some bring suffering individuals to church
- Some see the church as a place of healing
- Fellowship, music, prayer, sermon ...
- To be part of the uniform ministries



Mission of the church

- Why does the Church exist?
- To serve people who are not members – the world
- The focus and goals of the church are determined by Christ



- A real commitment to Christ's mission will cause your church/uniform ministries to take on new challenges
- Faithfulness to Christ's mission will motivate your church/uniform ministries to increase their giving



- A true dedication to soul winning will lead your members to accept changes that are inconvenient and even uncomfortable because those changes help the church reach people who otherwise could not be reached.



Mission belongs to the Whole Church

- Mission is communal not individualistic
- Mission requires teamwork
- Mission requires the collective witness of all working together
- Mission calls for an inclusive witness reaching and involving all kinds of people.



The Great Commission

- What does Matthew 28:18-20?
- The imperative verb is “make disciples”
- Three other helping verbs – “go... baptize ... teach”



Disciples

- Making disciples is not simply recruiting church members, doing good or getting baptism
- Making disciples is at once personal, spiritual and social because it connects the believer to Christ and His body.



- A disciple is one who has been born again, joined the fellowship of believers, identified his or her spiritual gifts and accepts a role to disciple others.



Jesus Model

- He drew men and women to Him
- He loved them sincerely and changed their lives.
- Jesus model of making disciples is personal, spiritual and social.
- It connects the believer to Christ and to his body



- To make disciples we must first be a disciple of Christ.
- Disciples emulate what the teacher teaches.
- Disciples are relationship builders



- Making disciples is not a short-term task, nor can it be done by mass production.
- To make disciples we must:
 - “Go” - Outreach
 - “Baptize” – Soul Winning
 - “Teach” - Nurture



- Evangelism can be viewed as a three-legged stool
- “Go” - ministry of presence and compassion
- “Baptize” - ministry of soul winning
- “Teach” - ministry of nurture or spiritual growth
- Evangelism is a process rather than an event



Disciple Making

- The purpose of the local church is to reach out in the name of Christ, bring men and women in His fellowship and help them grow in His grace.
- Relational Approach to evangelism



Christ's Method

1. **Jesus Mingled with worldly men and women**
 - he listened and observed
 - he became acquainted with their customs, habits, and culture
 - he observed their art and literature

To communicate the gospel we must know the gospel and know the world



- **2. Jesus Helped people in Practical ways**
 - He demonstrated the doctrine of love
 - He spent more time healing than preaching
 - He ministered to people's needs

We need to balance our use of words with practical action.



- **3. Jesus Won the trust of individuals**
- -He did not participate in any faceless program
- -His love for those He served was unyielding

- **We need to learn to build individual relationships as we “do good”**



- **4. Jesus Bade them follow Him** – (MOH 143)

After He demonstrated the doctrine of love and they had accepted it He asked them to admit they were sinners and accept His saving grace.

-He did not impatiently, selfishly rush to share the doctrines

**Our approach to soul winning must be
“relational”**



Evangelism in the New Testament

- Relational nature of evangelism is implicit
 - John 17
- - Acts 2:42-47
- The story of Church growth in the NT follows a pattern demonstrated in Acts 18



Key Factors Related to Church Growth

- Intentionality
 - Small Groups
 - Involvement
 - Fellowship
 - Inclusiveness
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