THE GREAT COMMISSION ...

FROM DREAM TO REALITY

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NEW PSALMIST BAPTIST CHURCH

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YES, YOU CAN!
OBJECTIVES

1. UNDERSTAND THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

2. DESCRIBE KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

3. LIST PRACTICAL STEPS NEEDED TO BECOME A DISCIPLE-MAKER

4. UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF A DISCIPLE IN CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION
THE GREAT COMMISSION IN FACT

- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19 – 20 NKJV)

- The last recorded directive/command of Jesus to His disciples

- Foundation for evangelism and missions

- Command not an option
COMPONENTS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. GO
2. MAKE DISCIPLES
3. I AM WITH YOU
THE GREAT COMMISSION: PART 1

1. **GO**

- **INTENTIONALITY**
- **TO HELP PEOPLE, COMMUNICATES HOW WE “GO”**
  - INSPIRED BY LOVE AND IN A WARM, RELATIONAL MANNER, AS MODELED BY JESUS
  - WHEN WE GO INTO THE WORLD, WE ENTER INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS, AS JESUS DID, TO “HELP” PEOPLE ENTER INTO A DYNAMIC, ENGAGING AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

- **ALL NATIONS**
  - LOCAL
  - GLOBAL

- **REMINDER IN ACTS 1:8 “…IN JERUSALEM, AND ALL JUDEA, AND SAMARIA AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH”**
THE GREAT COMMISSION: PART 2

2. MAKE DISCIPLES

- STEP 1 IS **RELATIONSHIP** WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

- STEP 2 AND BEYOND INCLUDES SPIRITUAL GROWTH
  - BAPTIZING: A PERSON’S DECISION TO TRUST IN JESUS IS EXPRESSED BY BAPTISM “IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”; COMMUNICATES OUR TRUST IN JESUS AND IS AT THE ROOT OF REPENTANCE AND CONVERSION

  - TEACHING: DISCIPLE MAKING LEADS TO OBEDIENCE AND SANCTIFICATION (THE PROCESS OF BEING PROGRESSIVELY TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS)

  - ENCOURAGEMENT TO ATTEND NEW PSALMIST OR OTHER BIBLE-BELIEVING/TEACHING CHURCH

  - CHURCH IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF BIBLE TEACHING, WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY, ADMONISHMENT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND FELLOWSHIP
3. I AM WITH YOU

- ALWAYS- GOD WILL NOT LEAVE US
- TO THE END OF THE AGE
- ADVANCING THE KINGDOM
CHALLENGES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION BECOMING REAL FOR YOU

✓ UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CALL/COMMISSION IS NOT AN ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION...THE EXPECTATION IS A RESPONSE OF OBEDIENCE AND SURRENDER

✓ FEAR OF REJECTION

✓ DON’T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

✓ WILL DO IT WRONG

✓ PASTOR’S JOB

✓ NOT MY GIFT

✓ COMPLICATED

✓ FINDING PROSPECTS

✓ REDIRECTING CHALLENGES/RESISTANCE TO ENTHUSIASM
MOTIVATION

- LOVE/PASSION FOR GOD
- FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 3:16 NKJV)
- A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER. (JOHN 13:34-35)
JESUS’ 1ST 12 DISCIPLES

1. **PETER** - FISHERMAN
2. **JAMES** - FISHERMAN
3. **JOHN** - FISHERMAN
4. **ANDREW** - FISHERMAN
5. **BARTHOLOMEW OR NATHANAEL** - SCHOLAR
6. **JAMES, THE LESSER OR YOUNGER** - FIERY
7. **JUDAS** - VIOLENT JEWISH NATIONALIST
8. **JUDE OR THADDEUS** - VIOLENT JEWISH NATIONALIST
9. **MATTHEW** - TAX COLLECTOR
10. **PHILIP** - FISHERMAN
11. **SIMON THE ZEALOT** - FANATICAL JEWISH NATIONALIST
12. **THOMAS** - PESSIMIST
2018 DISCIPLES

- FATHERS
- MOTHERS
- SISTERS/BROTHERS
- CHILDREN
- MILLENNIALS
- BABY BOOMERS
- SENIORS

- CASHIERS
- OFFICE CLERKS
- WAITERS/WAITRESSES
- REGISTERED NURSES
- SECRETARIES/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
- TEACHERS
- LAWYERS
A DISCIPLE-MAKER

- A CHRISTIAN (DISCIPLE) WHO CONNECTS WITH PEOPLE IN RELATIONSHIPS TO HELP THEM TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS.

- KEY POINT IS INTENTIONALITY WITH A GOAL TO LEAD PEOPLE INTO A DYNAMIC, ENGAGING AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

- LOVE PEOPLE (JOHN 13:34-35)
  1. AUTHENTIC
  2. COMPASSIONATE
  3. SACRIFICE
PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO BECOMING

- KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST
- CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE
- LOVE OF GOD
- KEY SCRIPTURES FROM THE BIBLE
- TESTIMONY
- SPIRITUAL RESOURCES
- PREPARATION
THE VALUE OF A TESTIMONY

✓ THE STORY OF A CHANGED/TRANSFORMED LIFE

1. SALVATION TESTIMONY

2. LIFE EXPERIENCE

✓ ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS IN SHARING YOUR FAITH
WHAT CAN A TESTIMONY DO?

1. IT CAN BE USED BY GOD TO REACH THE UNSAVED
2. IT CAN BE USED TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS
3. IT CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH
THE GREAT COMMISSION
BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF A TESTIMONY

- APOSTLE PAUL WITH KING AGRIPPA (ACTS 26)
  - WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?
  - WHAT WAS THE SOLUTION?
  - WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
REASONS TO WRITE YOUR TESTIMONY

1. YOU HAVE A PLAN - YOU CAN SAY EXACTLY WHAT YOU PLAN TO SAY (DOES NOT NEED TO BE MEMORIZED)

2. GOD MUST ALWAYS REMAIN AT THE CENTER OF THE TESTIMONY...BRIEFLY STATE WHERE YOU WERE...BUT GOD!

3. HELPS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK
A STRATEGY OR PLAN OF ACTION

HOW DO I BEGIN?

PREPARATION… 1 PETER 3:15

✓ “BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN YOUR HEARTS, AND ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU, WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR.” (1 PETER 3:15)

✓ KEYS TO EFFECTIVE WITNESSING
START IN JERUSALEM

➤ RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE WITH FRAN

✓ FRIENDS
✓ RELATIVES
✓ ASSOCIATES
✓ NEIGHBORS

➤ AS YOU GO

✓ LOCATION
✓ COMMUNITY
METHODS OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

**THE ABC’S OF SALVATION**
- ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER
- BELIEVE ON CHRIST
- CONFESS YOUR FAITH

**THE BRIDGE TO ETERNAL LIFE**
- SPIRITUAL DEATH OR SEPARATION FROM GOD BECAUSE OF SIN
- SIN HAS SEPARATED US FROM GOD
- CROSS OF JESUS IS THE BRIDGE FOR SINNERS TO RECONCILE TO GOD

**FOUR THINGS GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW**
- YOUR NEED AS GOD SEES IT
- YOUR OWN HELPlessness
- GOD’S PROVISION FOR YOUR NEED
- GOD’S PROMISE TO MEET YOUR NEED

**THE ROMAN ROAD TO SALVATION**
- MAN’S NEED
- SIN’S PENALTY
- GOD’S PROVISION
- MAN’S RESPONSE
SHARING WITH SIMPLICITY, CLARITY, STRUCTURE & UNITY

4 STEP PROCESS
1. MAKE THE CONNECTION WITH FRAN
2. TRANSITION THE CONVERSATION TO GOD
3. DETERMINE FRAN’S SOUL STATUS
4. MEET FRAN’S SPIRITUAL NEED
THE LOVE OF GOD

• FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 3:16 NKJV)

• INSPITE OF FRAN’S REALITY, GOD STILL LOVES HIM/HER

• GOD’S PLAN FOR FRAN IS STILL GOOD AND FULL OF HOPE (JEREMIAH 29:11)

• THERE IS ANOTHER PAGE, CHAPTER... FRAN’S LOCATION IS TEMPORARY...A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS THE ONLY WAY TO SEE GOD’S PLAN UNFOLD AND BECOME A REALITY
STEP 1: MAKING THE CONNECTION

• BE FULLY PRESENT
  • LISTEN TO & UNDERSTAND WHAT PEOPLE REALLY MEAN WHEN THEY SPEAK.
  • OFTEN THE WORDS THAT COME OUT OF A PERSON’S MOUTH IS JUST A SMALL PART OF WHAT THEY MEAN. THE REAL QUESTION IS WHY?
• FIND COMMON GROUND- LOOK OUT FOR THINGS IN CASUAL CONVERSATION THAT COULD LEAD TO A CONNECTION
• SINCERE COMPLIMENTS
MAKING THE CONNECTION
...UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE

• PRE-MILLENNIALS (AGE >38) • MILLENNIALS (AGE 18-38)

• VALUES BASED ON THE BIBLE
• KNOWLEDGE IS BASED ON LOGIC & REASON
• POLICIES & PROCEDURES ESTABLISH TRUST
• MONOTHEISM- ONE GOD THROUGH CHRIST

• VALUES BASED ON WHAT FEELS RIGHT
• TRUTH IS RELATIVE NOT ABSOLUTE
• UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
• ALL RELIGIONS ARE EQUAL- PLURALISM
STEP 2: TRANSITION THE CONVERSATION TO GOD?

• BE OBSERVANT; LISTEN AND BE FULLY PRESENT
• BASED ON WHAT FRAN SAYS, SEE HOW GOD FITS INTO THE SITUATION
• LOOK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO INSERT OR SLIDE GOD INTO THE CONVERSATION
• PROVIDE A BRIEF TESTIMONY, IF APPROPRIATE
• IF FRAN IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LET FRAN KNOW THAT GOD REALLY DOES LOVE HER/HIM IN SPITE OF THE CHALLENGES, EVEN IF S/HE IS ANGRY WITH GOD OR DOESN’T UNDERSTAND WHY GOD DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANSWERING PRAYERS.
STEP 3: PINPOINT WHERE FRAN IS SPIRITUALLY

• BE FULLY PRESENT AND AFFIRM THE FEELINGS THAT FRAN MAY HAVE BASED ON THE SITUATION.

• ASK FRAN IF S/HE HAS PRAYED ABOUT THE SITUATION---LISTEN TO THE RESPONSE

• ASK FRAN WHAT S/HE BELIEVES ABOUT JESUS---LISTEN TO THE RESPONSE

• ASK FRAN IF THEY HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD; IF YES ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION---LISTEN TO THE RESPONSE
STEP 4: MEETING FRAN’S SPIRITUAL NEED

- UNSAVED

- Fran does not have a personal relationship with God.
- This is the most critical spiritual need to meet.
- Fran, who dies with this need unmet, will spend this life on earth and eternity separated from God.
JESUS IS THE WAY...THE PROVISION

Jesus Christ
4-P METHOD IS SIMPLE, CLEAR & STRUCTURED

1. **PROBLEM** = SIN (ROMANS 3:23)
2. **PENALTY** = DEATH (ROMANS 6:23A)
3. **PROVISION** = CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST (ROMANS 5:8)
4. **PROMISE** = ETERNAL LIFE (ROMANS 10:9-10)
4-P METHOD OF SHARING WITH THE UNSAVED

1. **PROBLEM**- FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD (ROMANS 3:23)

2. **PENALTY**- FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH (ROMANS 6:23A)

3. **PROVISION**- BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US (ROMANS 5:8)
4-P METHOD OF SHARING WITH THE UNSAVED (CONT’D)

4. **PROMISE**- THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. 10 FOR WITH THE HEART ONE BELIEVES UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION (ROMANS 10:9-10)
SAMPLE PRAYER OF SALVATION

DEAR GOD, I CONFESS THAT I AM A SINNER AND I NEED JESUS IN MY LIFE. I TURN FROM MY SINS AND TURN TO YOU. I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS YOUR SON AND THAT HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS; HE WAS BURIED AND HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD. I ACCEPT THIS BY FAITH. I INVITE JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF MY LIFE, TO REIGN AND RULE IN MY HEART. THANK YOU LORD FOR FORGIVING ME AND SAVING ME. IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN.
CONGRATULATE FRAN

✓ AFFIRM WITH FRAN THAT IF S/HE HAS PRAYED THIS PRAYER BY FAITH, YOU WELCOME HER/HIM TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

✧ NOTE! THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO TALK WITH FRAN ABOUT FINDING A CHURCH HOME.

✧ NEW PSALMIST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GREAT PLACE TO START …AND VISIT
SPIRITUAL GROWTH

✓ PRAY FOR FRAN

✓ INVITE FRAN TO CHURCH

✓ STAY CONNECTED WITH FRAN

✓ LET FRAN KNOW OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES, E.G. BIBLE STUDY, SMALL GROUP STUDIES, ETC.

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NEXT STEPS

Pray & Practice

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