

**The Church on the Move**  
**God's Method: Making Disciple**  
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 28:16-20**  
**Sermon Outline**

**Introduction:** Christ's method got missions is to make disciples. What does making disciples mean? What does it look like in practical terms?

**I) Making disciples: What does it mean?**

**A) Definition**

Not converting people

*John 3.3: Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

Making life-long learners of those whom the Spirit has converted

**B) A question:** Isn't making disciples world-wide a bit narrow?

- No one is really open and neutral
- Christian disciple-making is not steering people towards ourselves; it is steering people towards Jesus

**II) Disciple-making: What does it look like?**

**A) It begins in the heart**

*Matt. 28.16: And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted*

*Deuteronomy 6.5,6: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...And these words shall be on your heart. And you shall teach them diligently...*

- Disciple-making flows down-stream
- Paul, the great disciple-maker:  
*Phil 3.8: I count everything loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...I count them as rubbish in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him not having a righteousness of my own*

**B) It unfolds in the home and the church**

**1) Home**

*Deut. 6.7: 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.*

- The entirety of the lived-out life
- What this looks like:  
Incessant Bible memory drilling?

**2) Church**

*Deuteronomy 6:* All the "you's" and "your's" are singular in the Hebrew.

Not the individual family, but the church as a whole is being addressed

*Matt. 28: ...baptizing them...*

Baptism is the doorway into the church

The church is where the Lord has promised to "show up" to make disciples of us

Encouraging thoughts:

- Missions may be difficult—but it is simple
- The sure fire way to become a deepening disciple and disciple-maker

### Questions for Reflection this Week

- 1) How is making disciples different from converting?
- 2) Is making disciples of Jesus world-wide imperialist and narrow? Why? Why not?
- 3) The context in which Jesus issued the Great Commission in Matthew 28 was one in which the disciples were worshipping him. Why is it important that fulfilling the Commission begins that way?
- 4) Why are the commands in Deut. 6:5-6 prerequisites to the commands given in vv 7-9?
- 5) Read carefully over Deuteronomy 6:7-9. What would it look like for you to do this with your children or the children of your church?
- 6) Why does Jesus mention baptism as one of the essential tasks in fulfilling the Great Commission?
- 7) Reflect on the following: "The sacraments, together with the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the discipline of the church (both formal and informal) are the places where (as Michael Horton puts it) the Lord promises to show up. They are not simply places where we hear about him; they are places where we actually meet him. And when we meet him—when we see, hear, taste, and feel him—we change."
- 8) What are the implications for missions—both local and foreign—in the promise that the preaching of the word, the sacraments, and church discipline are all that is necessary for disciple-making to occur?