

REFRESHING THE MISSION: Multiplying and Maturing Disciples

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How do we Multiply and Mature Disciples?

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1. **Gather** (Hebrews 10:24-25).

“Worshiping God together in Spirit and Truth.”

2. **Give** (Acts 4:32).

“Displaying the affections of Christ through the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.”

3. **Grow** (Colossians 1:28-29).

“Deepening our relationship with God through the study and application of God’s Word.”

4. **Go** (Acts 1:8).

“Proclaiming the Gospel and building the Church in our neighborhood and the nations”

18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why should Christians love and prioritize the gathering of the church? Why should we not neglect it, according to Hebrews 10:24-25? Read Luke 4:16. Jesus had a pattern (or custom) in His life to gather. What should this look like for your family? God knows that the church today is not perfect. Why does He still command us to gather?
2. Acts 4:32 says that the church was “one heart and soul” and “had everything in common.” What does the application of this verse look like for you?
3. In Colossians 1:28, we see that the goal of maturity is for every believer, not a select few or elite. How are you routinely putting yourself under the teaching of God’s Word to mature yourself? Do you need to be more aggressive in that discipline? What will be your next steps? Check out <https://www.centralchurch.com/classes/> -- Which Central Equip class should you take to help you mature?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.** How does this concept of an “ambassador” give us courage as we share, invite, and appear on behalf of Christ in evangelism?

Quote for the Week. . .

by R. Kent Hughes



“Church attendance is infected with a malaise of conditional loyalty which has produced an army of ecclesiastical hitchhikers. The hitchhiker’s thumb says, “You buy the car, pay for repairs and upkeep and insurance, fill the car with gas – and I’ll ride with you. But if you have an accident, you are on your own! And I’ll probably sue.” So it is with the credo of so many of today’s church attenders: “You go to the meetings and serve on the boards and committees, you grapple with the issues and do the work of the church and pay the bills – and I’ll come along for the ride. But if things do not suit me, I’ll complain and probably bail out—my thumb is always out for a better ride.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. Christianity Today, v. 36, n. 6.