

## Go and Make Disciples – Study Questions

### Part Five: The Disciple-Making Church

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:18–20 NIV).

#### 1) How does the Great Commission relate to the church?

- A) It speaks to the church’s \_\_\_\_\_, for the local church is a group of \_\_\_\_\_ who are practicing \_\_\_\_\_ together (Acts 2:42).
- B) It speaks to the church’s \_\_\_\_\_, for making \_\_\_\_\_ who in turn \_\_\_\_\_ disciples is the principal mission of the church (Matt 28:18–20).
- C) It speaks to the church’s \_\_\_\_\_, for the local church is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ within which discipleship should take place (Heb 10:24–25). “While *every individual* needs to obey Jesus’s call to follow, we cannot follow Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_.”<sup>1</sup>
- D) It speaks to the church’s \_\_\_\_\_, for the church is a \_\_\_\_\_ of families who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their children to carry on the identity, mission and life of the church (Deut 6:6–7; Ps 78:5–8; Eph 6:1–4).

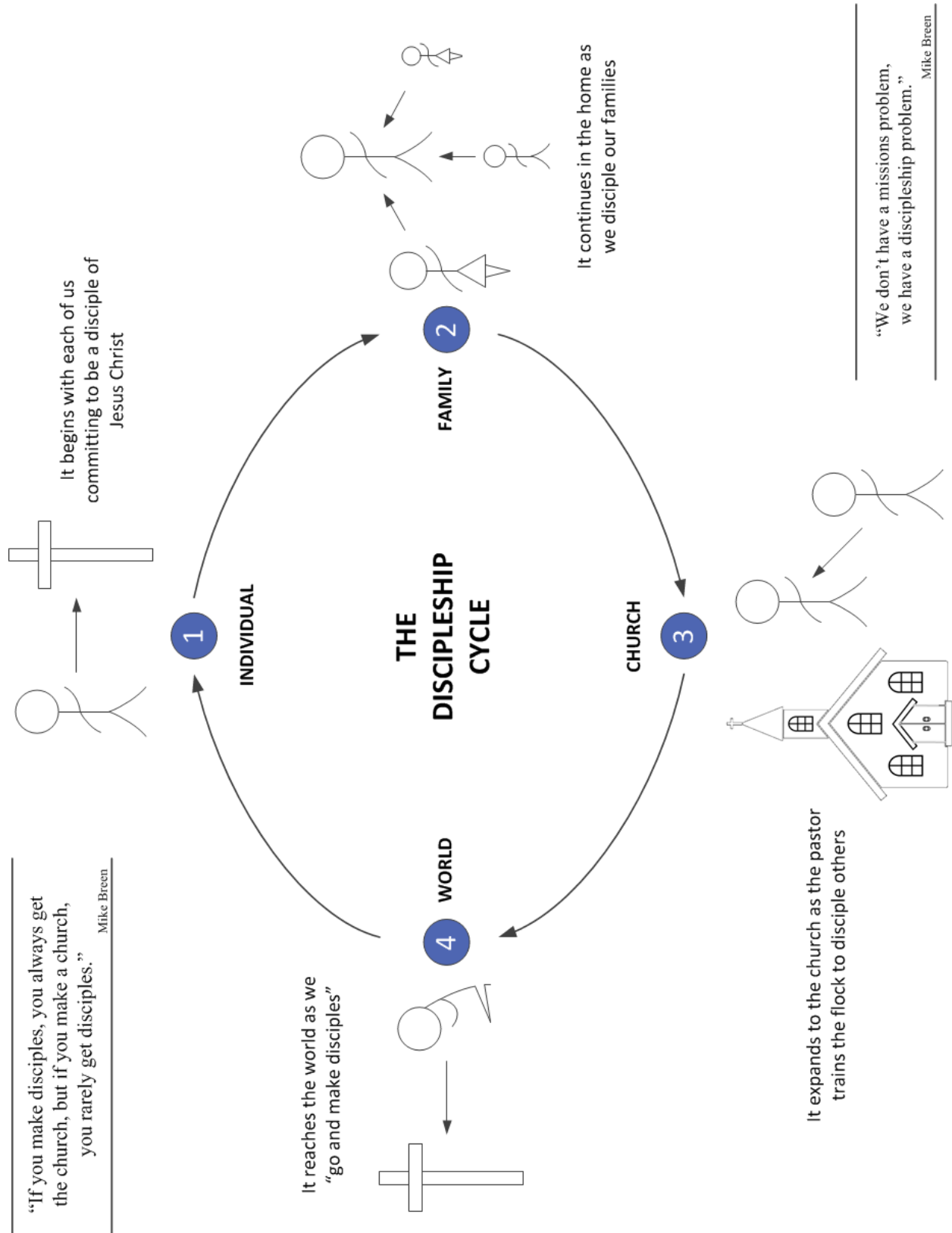
#### 2) How does the church fulfill its mission of making disciples?

- A) By every \_\_\_\_\_ doing their \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Paul compared the church to the human \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 12–14; Eph 4:7, 11–16; Rom 12:3–8; cf. 1 Pet 4:7–11). In the body, each member is \_\_\_\_\_ and none can exist on their own. If one member of the body doesn’t function properly, the whole body is \_\_\_\_\_. This means each of us has a \_\_\_\_\_ to contribute and participate.
- B) By providing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in personal and family discipleship.
- (1) Lead by \_\_\_\_\_. Pastors and church leaders need to tell their congregations that they are committed to practicing personal discipleship and then lead by example.
- (2) Train the \_\_\_\_\_. The men in the local church are the leaders of their \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the leaders of the \_\_\_\_\_. This means they must be trained in personal and family discipleship.

<sup>1</sup> Francis Chan, *Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples*. (Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 2012), p. 51.

- Begin with the \_\_\_\_\_. These are the men who attend faithfully, tithe regularly, and give sacrificially. These men should be trained with the stated goal that they, in turn, will be \_\_\_\_\_ others.
  - If possible, hold \_\_\_\_\_ training sessions. Depending on the number of individuals, it may not be possible to train the core all at once. Start with one or two men and build from there.
  - Start with \_\_\_\_\_ discipleship and make sure they're firmly \_\_\_\_\_ in what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The website provides all the material needed for teaching the basics of personal discipleship.
  - Once they're established in personal discipleship, begin modeling \_\_\_\_\_ discipleship. The "Disciple-Making Family" lesson explains how to do this, and this approach can be followed for the weekly training sessions.
  - After a while, have them try \_\_\_\_\_ one of the sessions. This will give them practice in family discipleship and also prepare them to show others how it's done.
  - Spend a \_\_\_\_\_ with these men, and then have them begin training others. They should know at the beginning that this is the natural progression: be disciplined so they can then disciple others.
  - Recommended resources:
    1. *The Disciple-Making Church* by Bill Hull.
    2. *The Disciple-Making Pastor* by Bill Hull.
    3. *The Complete Book of Discipleship* by Bill Hull.
    4. *Multiply* by Francis Chan.
    5. *The Lost Art of Disciple Making* by LeRoy Eims.
    6. *Following the Master* by Michael J. Wilkins.
- C) By \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ new believers. The church sometimes commits the moral equivalent of child \_\_\_\_\_. How so? When we spend our time and effort persuading the lost to follow Jesus and then \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure they are given the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ they need to grow into healthy, mature disciples of Christ. The church must come alongside new believers and actively \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them in how to follow Jesus.
- D) By cultivating a sense of \_\_\_\_\_. The church must do all it can to provide venues and opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between the members of the congregation. The more interconnected families are, the more they are able to \_\_\_\_\_ each other and \_\_\_\_\_ for each other.
- E) By promoting biblical \_\_\_\_\_ and holy \_\_\_\_\_. The church is uniquely gifted by the Spirit to help believers understand what God has said and how to \_\_\_\_\_ it to their lives. This is essential for personal and family discipleship.

- F) By providing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Being part of a local church involves not only a call to imitate the faith of church leadership, but also a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ to their authority (Heb 13:7, 17). Church leaders watch over our souls, for they must give account to God. We should live in such a way that they may do this with joy and not with grief. Believers are also called to submit to each other out of \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ (Eph 5:21). This means we are to hold each other accountable to live careful, godly lives.
- G) By persuading those within our sphere of \_\_\_\_\_ to become disciples of Christ. This refers to our extended \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_ and acquaintances, our \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_, and others we encounter in daily living. This is done in two ways: first by \_\_\_\_\_ a godly life in front of them and then by looking for opportunities to share our \_\_\_\_\_ and tell them the good news.
- H) By \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in global missions. This is done in a variety of ways: \_\_\_\_\_ for our fellow workers in other parts of the world, contributing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in support of various missionary endeavors, \_\_\_\_\_ participation in missionary activity, and developing a \_\_\_\_\_ in our children for spreading Christ's kingdom across the world.



"If you make disciples, you always get the church, but if you make a church, you rarely get disciples."  
Mike Breen

"We don't have a missions problem, we have a discipleship problem."  
Mike Breen