



The Great Commission or the Great Omission?

Thanks for joining the *Big Church Small Church* podcast. In today's episode, I discuss God's command to "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28) and how this should impact our time, energy, and resources in the church today.

Multiplication vs. addition

In our scenario, we discovered the long-term benefits of discipleship through multiplying leaders. Discipleship will be much slower at first than crowds, but it's the way Jesus set up His ministry. Jesus' main assignment and command for the church is the Great Commission. In Matthew chapter 28, Jesus commands His disciples to make other disciples. He tells them to go and do everything Jesus has modeled and taught His disciples.

Jesus modeled discipleship

Jesus spent the majority of His time, energy, and resources investing in 12 guys. He had only three years to impact and save the world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the ministry and message of Jesus is multiplied. Before, Jesus could only be in one place at one time. Jesus multiplied Himself through discipleship and by the power of His Spirit.

How are we spending our time, energy, and resources for the Kingdom?

The Great Commission of making disciples to reach the nations is the primary task. Are we focused on making disciples? Do we have a system of investing, equipping, and sending the church to create more disciples? What does our schedule look like each week in the church?

J.D. Greear says, "If a church is not pursuing the Great Commission, it really has no point in existing."¹

Make others great

Let's focus on making others greater than ourselves and work ourselves out of a job. We shouldn't be insecure that others become better than us or that we aren't needed. Every believer is given the call to make disciples who make disciples.

I want to hear from you! Don't forget to e-mail your questions, comments, and testimonies at jonhunter@churchdoctor.org. Check out thesendmovement.com to apply for discipleship training for SEND Young Adults (18-29) or SEND+ (29+) or for coaching opportunities.

¹ J.D. Greear, *Gaining by Losing: Why the Future Belongs to Churches that Send*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015.