

Discipleship: Understanding Our Mission

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Our Mission

The mission of *Westside Christian Church* is to reach people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and to lead, teach and equip them to become life-long followers of Him.

Our Purpose

Westside Christian Church exists to honor God by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matt 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

As a Disciple of Jesus, I Am To:

Understand The Arena of the Mission (vs 18-19a)

Wherever we are is a potential area of our mission.

Everyone is a potential candidate for a “divine appointment”.

ObeY The *Command* of the Mission (vs 19c-20a)

The command is to make disciples = we are to *reproduce* “reproducers” (2 Tim 2:2)

That happens as we:

- Proclaim the good news to others.
(*Baptize new believers*)
- Help them to grow in the faith.
(*Teach them to obeY God’s Word*)

Embrace the *Scope* of the Mission (v 19c)

The mission is universal in scope.

“Nations” = *ethnos*; it has to do with people – all people, without distinction.

CommiT To the *Nature* of the Mission (v 20b; cf 9:35-38)

People desperately need the Lord.

It should:

- *move us* to compassion.
- *impact us* with the urgency of the situation.

The Question...

Will I *respond* in *obedience* to Jesus and what He has commissioned me to be?

I will pray this week and ask God to show me *who* wants me to tell about Him and *how* He wants me to do it.