

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Supernatural Church
9: Supernatural Disciples

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7 / Matthew 28:18-20 Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: Worship - Pray – Make Disciples - Fellowship – Do Ministry (service). How do we do them supernaturally?

Today we begin supernatural discipleship.

We need to understand the ways of the Lord in order to enjoy the fullness of His works and make those works available to many. He is looking for yielded vessels through whom He can influence lives.

1) The Great Commission

- a) There are renditions of the commission in every Gospel, each with a little different emphasis:
 - i) Mark: Preach the Gospel, do signs
 - ii) Luke (And Acts 1) Preach repentance and remission of sins but be sure you do it in the power of the Spirit.
 - iii) John: I am sending you as the Father sent me.
 - iv) Matthew: Make disciples of all nations
- b) There are all kinds of folks in the Church, not all are disciples.
 - i) Watchers: just looking or genuinely seeking.
 - ii) Converts: Believe, confess, but not sold out.
 - iii) Disciples: John 8:31-32. Those who continue in His Word
- c) Everyone here today is somewhere in this continuum

2) The process. Matthew 28:18-20

- a) Jesus is Lord. Here is His plan:
 - i) You go to all nations. He has placed the plan in our hand.
 - ii) Make converts: From Mark and Luke we know that we must proclaim the Good News: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9.
 - iii) Make disciples.

- (1) The Word disciple is *mathetes* a student/follower
- (2) *mathēteúō* means not only to learn, but **to become attached to one's teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life.**

b) The Method:

- i) Baptizing them as the personal representative of the triune God.: Baptism rejects an old affiliation and enters a new one.
 - (1) Romans 6:3-4. Submit to death, commit to new life.
 - (2) Disciples follow Him, no matter the cost. Luke 14:33-35.
- ii) Teaching them to
 - (1) Observe: goes beyond the idea of "do."
 - (a) Wuest: teaching them to be attending to carefully, holding firmly to, and observing all
 - (b) The idea is to keep the commands of the Lord in the center of their attention. Not a checklist, but a lifestyle.
 - (2) All things He commanded them: It's a short list!
 - (a) Love one another
 - (b) Go preach and make disciples

3) The Goal of discipleship is simple:

- a) The Jesus Commission:
 - i) Love like I loved – John 13:34-35 ...**as I have loved you**, that you also love one another.
 - ii) Go like I went: John 20:21 ... **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"
- b) The whole point is to be like Jesus
 - i) What are you called? Acts 11:26 / Luke 6:40
 - ii) If being like Jesus is not your goal, then you are not a disciple yet.
 - iii) Love for the Word of God is not an academic exercise, it is the mode of transformation. John 8:31-32 / 1 Peter 2:1-3 / 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - iv) Disciples produce supernatural fruit! Matthew 10:1 / John 15:7-8

Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer