

# CORE VALUES

## Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

### *Mobilizing Devoted Disciples*

Matthew 28: 19

**Introduction:** In the past several sessions we have discussed the core values of reaching the world with the message of Jesus Christ, prayer, stewardship, and the significance of the Bible. In today's study we turn our attention to disciples making disciples. It is not the role of pastors and missionaries, we are convinced it is the privilege and duty of every faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

#### I. Video Introduction

- A. John Soper tells the story of the early C&MA
- B. Jason Ostrander shares his discovery about disciple making among youth

#### II. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

- A. The commission and the promise
- B. As you go... The truth about the process

#### III. Loving God and loving people, the most effective disciple-making strategy

The video story of one congregation

The story of the Alliance Bible Church of McHenry

#### IV. *What do you have in your hand?* The story of Moses . . . And YOU

- A. John Soper recounts the story of Moses with focused application
- B. What do you have in your hand? What are your fundamental tools?

**Conclusion:** Are you aware of God's desire to include you in His passion to reach the world? Have you given everything you have and all that you are over to Him for that purpose? Can you see how He desires to use your unique talent and gift blend to reach you friends, neighbors, and colleagues with God's love?

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ...”*

Matthew 28: 19 (NASB)

#### Alliance Bible Church Core Values

- *Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.*
- *Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.*
- *Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.*
- *Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service.*
- *Obeying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.*

**CORE VALUE V—COMPLETING THE GREAT COMMISSION WILL REQUIRE THE MOBILIZATION OF EVERY FULLY DEVOTED DISCIPLE**

- 1.) What new ideas do you glean from the story of “Sophie the Scrubwoman” or the testimony of Jason Ostrander?
- 2.) In the New Testament, is there a significant difference between *clergy* and *laity*? Is it even a Biblical distinction? What are the implications of your answer in either direction?
- 3.) What do you have in your hand that God could use to change the lives of other people? Share a story of how God used someone (**not** in vocational ministry) to change your life or the life of someone you know.
- 4.) Recall the list you made in November of up to 10 people for whom you would pray; what has happened in their lives since then? Are you still praying for them? Have you had the opportunity to influence their life?
- 5.) **Read Matthew 28: 16-20 and Acts 1: 1-11.** To whom were the words of Jesus spoken in these passages? Do you believe that the Great Commission applies to us as well as the disciples? Why or why not?
- 6.) On what basis does Jesus give this commandment? Why is it important? What is the importance of baptism?
- 7.) What will be the primary job of the disciples? (Look for the main verb.) How are we to do that job?
- 8.) Do the verses in Matthew 28 help us define what a witness really is? What do you think it means to be a witness? What promises does Jesus give to those who carry out His command?



**The C&MA Vision**

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will be a movement of Great Commission Christians who are glorifying God by building Christ’s Church worldwide.



**The C&MA Mission**

Our mission is to know Jesus Christ; exalt Him as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King; and complete His Great Commission.

- ❖ Evangelizing and discipling persons throughout the United States, and
- ❖ Incorporating them into Christ-centered, community-focused congregations,
- ❖ Mobilizing them for active involvement in a missionary effort designed to plant Great Commission churches among unreached and responsive peoples worldwide.

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