

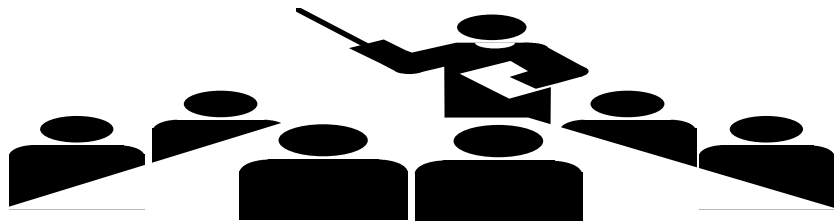
Christian Discipleship Seminar



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Topic:
The Mandate for Our Ministry

Lesson 1: Understanding Our Mandate for Ministry

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Lesson 2: Fulfilling Our Mandate for Ministry

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The Mandate for Our Ministry

Lesson #1: Understanding the Mandate for Our Ministry

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Key Verses: Matthew 28:18-19a

PROPOSITION: Our biblical mandate is to go and to make people everywhere the disciples of Christ.

I. The Receivers of the Biblical Mandate (16, 17)

- A. We must be disciples of Christ before we can make others disciples of Christ.
- B. We must be Christ's sheep before we can hear Christ's voice.
- C. We must be convinced of who He is, before we can convince others of who He is.

II. The Author of the Biblical Mandate (18)

- A. Only Christ Jesus has the authority to give the church its mandate for ministry.
- B. Only Christ Jesus can empower the church to fulfill its mandate for ministry.

III. The Urgency of the Biblical Mandate (19a)

- A. This biblical mandate is not known as "The Great Suggestion."
- B. This biblical mandate is known as "The Great Commission."
- C. This biblical mandate is the urgent mission of the Universal Church of Christ.

IV. The Essence of the Biblical Mandate (19a)

- A. The essence of our biblical mandate is making disciples for Christ.
- B. The essence of our biblical mandate can be lost in church business.
- C. The essence of our biblical mandate can be lost to selfish ambition. (Mt. 23:13-15)

V. The Scope of the Biblical Mandate (19a)

- A. Our biblical mandate is to make people of all nations the disciples of Christ.
- B. Our biblical mandate is to make people of all races the disciples of Christ.

- C. Our biblical mandate is to make people of all classes the disciples of Christ.
- D. Our biblical mandate is to make people of all backgrounds the disciples of Christ.

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Lesson #2: **Fulfilling the Mandate for Our Ministry**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Key Verses: Matthew 28:19-20

PROPOSITION: Our biblical mandate is to go and to make people everywhere the disciples of Christ.

I. The first step in fulfilling our biblical mandate is evangelistic outreach. (19)

- A. In order to make disciples for Christ, we must go and make contact with people who are unsaved and unchurched.
 - 1. We can not make disciples by sitting and waiting for people to come to us.
 - 2. Our Outreach Ministries, which meet the felt needs of people, can be a great way to make contact and establish rapport with those who God wants to save.
- B. In order to make disciples for Christ, we must go and teach people the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - 1. The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to save those who believe it.
 - 2. Only those who hear the gospel have the opportunity to believe it.
- C. In order to make disciples for Christ, we all must be involved in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. We can no longer make evangelism the task only of the minister or evangelist.
 - 2. Evangelistic outreach is the lifelong ministry of every Christian.

II. The second step in fulfilling our biblical mandate is baptism. (19)

- A. Baptism is the sacrament of initiation.
 - 1. In it we celebrate the convert's relationship with God through Christ.
 - 2. In it we celebrate the convert's relationship with God's people.
 - 3. In it we celebrate the convert's salvation and regeneration.

4. In it we celebrate the convert's entrance into a loving nurturing environment.

B. Baptism is the symbol of assimilation.

1. The convert must receive Christian love and spiritual nurture from the ministers, class leaders, and church members in order to stay in the fellowship.

2. The convert must find his or her place in the body of Christ by discovering, developing and using his or her spiritual gifts.

3. The convert must find an environment conducive to spiritual growth and faith development.

III. The third step in fulfilling our biblical mandate is teaching. (20)

A. This teaching involves more than instructing people in biblical concepts.

B. This teaching involves training believers to obey the commands of Christ.

C. This teaching involves training believers to share their faith.

D. This teaching involves equipping the saints for their work of ministry.

E. This teaching involves being empowered by the perpetual presence of Christ.