

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Colossians 1:24-29

We exist to pervade the Back Mountain, Wyoming Valley and the world with the Gospel by making disciples who make disciples and who display the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in every phase of their lives.

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

MATTHEW 28:18-19a

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CONTEXT

- Author of Colossians - Paul
- Paul was initially hostile towards Christians, but then He had an encounter with Jesus that changed His life (Acts 9).
- He started sharing the Gospel, starting churches, and helping those churches stay true to Christ and God's word.

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake...”

COLOSSIANS 1:24A

“of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known”

COLOSSIANS 1:25

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 1:28

MATURE

fully-grown, lacking nothing, complete...FULL

Someone who is spiritually mature isn't sinless, but they should be consistently living in ways that reflect God's Word!

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COLOSSIANS 1:28

**PAUL'S AIM WAS TO HELP BELIEVERS
BECOME SPIRITUALLY MATURE IN CHRIST.**

HOW DID PAUL SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL?

1. Make the Word of God fully known (v. 25)
2. Share the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (v. 26-27)
3. Glorify God in all things (v. 28)
4. Helping believers not believe lies, but rather follow God's wisdom (v. 28)
5. Sharing and showing the power of God (v. 29)

“For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”

COLOSSIANS 1:29



**SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS NOT JUST ABOUT
WHO YOU CURRENTLY ARE OR WHAT YOU
DO, IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'RE DESIRING AND
ACTIVELY WORKING TO BECOME.**

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

ROMANS 8:29

CONFORM

- To form according to a pattern or mold.
- You change something to make it become like something else.



*“But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.”*

ISAIAH 64:8

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but
be transformed...”*

ROMANS 12:2A

CONSIDER...

1. If someone were to take a good look at your life, would they say you look more like Jesus Christ or the world?
2. Do those in your life see you actively seeking to pursue spiritual maturity?
3. Do they see spiritual growth happening in you?

IT'S BECAUSE OF WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US, THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE TO BECOME MORE LIKE HIM!

THIS SHOULD BE THE PURSUIT IN WHICH WE TOIL OVER!

**THE MEASURE IS CHRIST HIMSELF...HE IS
OUR METRIC OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY.**

**THE MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS
CHRISTLIKENESS, NOT SIMPLY OUR "GOOD
WORKS."**

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

As we seek to make disciples who make disciples for the glory of God, we want to make the goal of our discipleship be spiritual maturity and Christlikeness.

IN OUR STUDENT MINISTRIES WE SEEK TO:

1. Teach students a Christ-centered perspective, not a circumstance-centered perspective (Col. 1:24, 27)
2. Help students to take the call of discipleship seriously and steward it well (Col. 1:25)
3. Make the word of God fully known (Col. 1:25-27)
4. Give God the glory in everything (Col. 1:28)
5. Pursue spiritual maturity and Christlikeness (Col. 1:28)
6. Teaching others using Biblical wisdom (Col. 1:28)
7. Make these goals their focus, looking to and relying on Christ to strengthen them as they pursue them (Col. 1:29)

APPLICATION

1. Commit and consecrate YOURSELF to pursuing spiritual maturity and Christlikeness, so not only will our church become unified, healthy and God-glorifying, but that you can help the next generation look like Christ (Titus 2).
2. Encourage and support our students in any way you are able as THEY seek to pursue spiritual maturity and Christlikeness.

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