

THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: Why Discipleship Is So Rare In Our Churches

If we keep talking about the lack of discipleship in our churches for another 20 or 30 years, like we have been—without changing things—we won't have this problem. Not because we've solved things, but because the Church will be all but irrelevant and further marginalized in society.

Here are three things to believe and consider about being engaged in true discipleship:

1. **Discipleship was never meant to be an optional program of the church.** It's the primary reason we were created and saved. And discipleship is not about knowledge acquisition or biblical literacy; it's about gospel fluency and experiencing the Good News in absolutely every area of our lives. This is what life in the kingdom of God is all about!
2. **Jesus died for and loves his bride—the Church—and wants to extend his glory and love through us to all humanity.** Disciples of Jesus who make more disciples of Jesus—in every family, neighborhood, city, and nation—is his plan for accomplishing this great mission...to the glory of God! You don't have to do this. But you GET to!
3. **Identify the roadblocks to discipleship and mission in your life.** Then ask God to grant you repentance in these areas. Repentance is not us feeling bad about our past and committing to try harder, it's a renewing of our minds and beliefs that we allow to shape our lives... our time, our families, our budget, our comforts, and fears. You can get started on a new lifestyle of discipleship and mission today! Ask God to show you how.

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