

# THE *Big 3*

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The idea that Gospel, Community, and Mission are all needed, and in fact crucial, to making mature disciples of Jesus may sound a little bit obvious to you at first. But it is surprising how few of us and our churches are careful to balance the focus and engagement of this powerful discipleship foundation.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about these three critical components...

1. **There has always been an “all of life” component to discipleship the way that Jesus modeled and sent us to reproduce.** If we’re not seeing the maturity and ownership for making new disciples that we want, it may be that we are missing one or more of these three critical components.
2. **The gospel is the power to change lives and set people free.** Mature disciples will never be made outside of a gospel-centered community that does life together in such a way that our everyday life, identity, hopes, dreams, fears, etc. are all being transformed by the power of the gospel. That’s good news!
3. **Don’t settle for two out of three!** If your church or small group has become a holy huddle where knowledge acquisition is the highest goal, start to engage more with those outside your community. Ask the Spirit to guide you in this. If your lives are not increasingly becoming more and more like a healthy family together on mission, look for ways to increase both your organized and organic interactions together throughout the week. And if you’re busy trying to serve, serve, serve without feasting on the richness of the gospel, you’re on a certain path to burnout and legalism.

We need the gospel in community, together on mission as we grow in our Christ-likeness and seek to make more mature disciples of Jesus.

[Check out the Gospel Primer, Tangible Kingdom Primer, and Justice Primer here.](#)

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