

EPISODE: 367 TITLE: Conversations: The Mission of the Church

Everything we do as the Church should support the only mission Jesus gave us–make disciples who make more disciples. Every department or program of your church can be mission-focused. How's that coming along where you're at?

Here are three key things to believe and consider about aligning with the mission of the Church:

- Which areas of ministry in your church could most easily, readily, be "refitted" for mission (discipleship)? Children, youth, men's and women's ministries... Sunday morning services usually have a long way to go and lots of opportunity for shifting the focus toward equipping the saints for mission. Discipleship-focused language should be used often if we are going to create a culture of intentional discipleship and mission as a lifestyle. People should know that discipleship in everyday life with others is the norm and expected.
- 2. God's desires the whole world to be filled with his glory. And that certainly means our church and her programs. Jesus warned us about holding on to traditions or "the way we've always done it". In Mark 7 he says to the religious leaders, "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!" If all of the various parts and programs of your church life are not centered on how discipleship can happen in all of life, after leaving the building, you have let go of the commands of God. (That's because...)
- 3. Everything we do as the Church can support the only mission Jesus gave us-make disciples who make more disciples. That's the only mission and focus. Or at least it should be... it *gets* to be. Will you do the hard work of having these types of discussions with your people and leaders, helping them refocus their efforts and stewardship in this direction? Will you get the equipping and resources you need personally to lead them there?

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~Caesar