

The Need for a Personal Mission

We know the mission. It's the Great Commission.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV)

It's the mission of the church. But now carefully follow this line of thought...

The church is comprised of people who believe in Jesus Christ and are seeking to follow Him so as to know Him more fully. In order to know Jesus more fully, these same people must go and make disciples. In other words, every Christ follower needs to be on this mission...which is the mission of the church.

Where will all of this disciple-making take place?

Jesus set the strategy for His disciples in Acts 1:8. It would start in Jerusalem, spread to Judea, then spread to Samaria, then to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It would start in Jerusalem. Their hometown. Where they were currently located.

Is that strategy a good one for the church today to follow? I would submit that it is.

So...now stay with me on this...if that is a solid strategy, where do we start?

How about starting where we are? More directly, start where **I** am (and where **you** are). In other words, each Christ follower stop and look around at his or her world, and identify who it is that is in their world that has yet to hear or believe in Christ.

Do we have that mindset?

Does **your group** have that mindset?

Do **you** have that mindset?

I'll expound on this more in the next article.