

Sermon Series Title: "The Church of God"

Sermon Series Summary: The Church of God is the people of God throughout the ages, redeemed by Jesus Christ. We're going to take a look at who we are and who we are called to be as the church of God. More specifically, we see that who we are is directly connected to whose we are in Christ.

"We are in our "The Church of God" sermon series, and we see that we are defined not by who we are but whose we are as the Church."

Call: Revelation 5:6-8

Text: Luke 5:1-11

Title: "Our Mission"

Next Week's Call: Revelation 5:9-10

Next Week's Text: Ephesians 2:19, Hebrews 13:14, Revelation 21:2

Next Week's Title: "Church as City"

Future Calls: Revelation 5:11-12, 13-14; Revelation 15:3, 4; Revelation 21:1-4, 5-7, 22-23

Future Titles: "Church as Body" (1 Corinthians 12:12-31), "Church as Family" (John 1:12-13), "Church as Bride" (Ephesians 5:22-33), "The Eternality of the Church" (Revelation 21:1-7)

Fallen Condition Focus: We are flawed in our being and making disciples.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ is the One who first found and discipled us through His life, death, and resurrection.

Central Truth: "Let us first BE disciples and then MAKE disciples by BEHOLDING the Discipler."

Summary: Our EM mission is the Great Commission in Matthew 28. Before we make disciples, we have to ask ourselves if we are disciples of Jesus. We see that disciples of Jesus see Him as Teacher, Master, Savior, and Leader. We make disciples through our conduct, vocation, evangelism, teaching, and love, while relying on His grace and wisdom. We do this through the One who first pursued, discipled, and saved us.

Reflective Questions:

1. Which aspects of being a disciple are most challenging to you?
2. What are some lessons about making disciples in our passage that stuck out to you?
3. What does this show us about the grace and love of Christ?

#### I. Introduction

- A. Hook- EM Vision, EM Mission; whether you are a member or call us your home church
- B. Transition- never change since this is engrained in our DNA; same mission for the church since Jesus' time; passage shows Jesus fulfilling this Great Commission first
- C. Proposition
- D. Points

#### II. Being Disciples (vv. 1-5, 8-10a, 11)

- A. Context- Temptation of Jesus in Luke 4, then begins ministry, taught and rejected at Nazareth- hometown, exorcised a man with unclean demon, healed many (even healing Simon's mother-in-law in his house). Preached throughout Judea
- B. See Jesus as Teacher- listen to the Word of God through Him (vv. 1-3)
  1. Water of the lake carried Jesus' teaching
- C. See Jesus as Master- obey even though you have some hesitation (vv. 4-5)
  1. Peter was willing to allow Jesus to use his boat as a pulpit but not as a fishing boat. We also do not allow Jesus to go beyond his territory. We trust in God's wisdom and God's ways.
- D. See Jesus as Savior- believe in him as God (over creation) and Lord (holy)
  1. Peter knows that he is a sinner in the presence of God (Isaiah 6, Job 42) and asks Jesus to depart from him (poor in spirit).
  2. Jack Miller- God's grace flows downhill to low places, not uphill to the put-together places.
- E. See Jesus as Leader
  1. Matthew 4- "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
  2. Disciples left everything and followed Jesus (cost of discipleship).
    - a) Follow- heavy expression signifying the deepest inward attachment
  3. "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back. The cross before me, the world behind me, no turning back."

#### III. Making Disciples (vv. 10b, 6-7)

- A. Jesus says that they will now catch men (fishers of men- Matthew and Mark).
- B. How do we make disciples?

1. Catch men- catch men for life (catch fish to sell and eat, catch men to save)
2. Fisher of men
  - a) Bait- our lives/conduct/joy/purpose must be bait
  - b) Calling behind calling, work behind work- affirm fishermen calling but also shows a greater purpose
3. Evangelism- “come and see” (John 1- Jesus to disciples, Andrew to Simon, Philip to Nathanael)
4. Teaching God’s words; sharing Jesus as Lord and Savior
5. Relationship- After Peter’s plea, Jesus doesn’t run away or allows Peter to run away. Jesus goes to Peter, tells him not to be afraid, and establishes a relationship with him.
6. Service- We serve those we are discipling- washing feet.
7. Rest in God’s power and plan; will and when (God gives the growth)
  - a) Just like the fishermen, we can rest on our own strength and tactics as professionals, but ultimately without God’s help, it amounts to nothing.
  - b) We do our hard part in casting the net, but it’s in God’s hands as to whether we will make a “great catch.”

#### IV. Beholding the Discipler (v. 10b)

##### A. Jesus is the Ultimate Disciple.

1. Taught the Word; Was the Word.
2. Obeyed to the point of death on the cross.
3. Trusted in the Father, even if it meant condemnation and the cross.
4. Left everything to pursue and save us (the cross before Him, the world behind Him).

##### B. Jesus is the Ultimate Discipler.

1. He didn’t allow Peter to run away but used Him.
2. He served His disciples and washed their feet, including Judas.
3. Back then, disciples would pursue and seek after teachers/rabbis. Jesus pursued after and called his disciples. He pursued and called us.
4. Matthew 28- Jesus’ power (v. 18) and presence (v. 20b) (not perfection or success or achievement)

##### C. John 21

1. After Jesus’ death, they are purposeless and go fishing.
2. There is a miraculous catch of fish again, but instead of running away (even though he sinned more greatly by denying Jesus), Peter runs toward Jesus.

3. Running away... exiling self is a form of self-salvation. Running to Jesus is the mark of a disciple.
4. After this encounter, what does Jesus say? Feed, tend, feed my sheep... aka make disciples as a disciple Himself.