

Session 1 – Doing the Job Jesus Gave Us.

Watch Video #1A.

Answer the following questions.

What is the main command in this passage? _____.

Great Commission disciple making begins with _____.

Great Commission disciple making ends with _____.

An obedient disciple (the kind Jesus wants):

- 1) Loves _____.
- 2) Loves _____.
- 3) Makes _____ who do the same.

Discuss: What is the job Jesus gave us?

Do you think it's really true that our basic job, as Christians, is to make disciples who obey Jesus' commands?

What should be the symptoms of success?

On a scale of 1-10, how are we doing (as a church)?

How are you doing (as an individual)?

If we are not doing very well, why?

Watch Video #1B.

Discuss:

What causes the “cycle of inaction?”

How can you avoid the “cycle of inaction?”

Summary: The job Jesus gave us is simple (not easy, but simple): Make disciples, teaching them to obey all he commanded. His fundamental commands are: love God; love people; and make disciples who do the same. If we are doing our job, we ought to see chains of obedient, loving, multiplying disciples trailing behind us. If we are not, we may need to reorganize our lives so that we are.

The remaining videos focus on simple skills to help do the job Jesus gave us. There are 3 phases: 1) Finding the people God is drawing, 2) Explaining the simple gospel message, 3) Teaching them to obey Jesus’ commands. In this series, we’ll focus on tools for phases 1) and 2).

Making disciples is less like a history class and more like a basketball team. In a history class, the goal is to know the answer for the exam. So, the focus is on knowing, and your time is spend learning the material. On a basketball team, the goal is to play and win. The focus is on doing. On a basketball team, you spend a small amount of time learning (the coach explains on the white board) and a lot of time practicing what you have learned. You learn a little, then practice a lot – until you feel competent doing skill you learned. To become an effective disciplemaker, you’ll need to practice.