

new MANDATE

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus shared these words with his disciples while they were gathered together after the resurrection. It was a command to now expand, to share with all people in all nations. It was a command build His church. After all Jesus taught them, it makes sense for this mandate to be shared with them as their “next steps” but how do we fit into it? Most of us aren’t in full time ministry so how do we put this mandate into practice in our lives?

Pastor Earl has shared being passionate about raising up Christ like leaders. That means we fight to become more like Christ, and out of that we are intentional to lead like Jesus led, to make disciples by the lives we live, as Jesus is lifted up in our lives all men are drawn to Him.

When we live our lives according to His Word, pursue righteousness, turn away from evil, when we are humble, honest, kind and patient, when we do the right thing when the world is chasing the wrong thing Jesus is lifted up, and the world takes notice. We aren’t called to act like the world, we are called to act like Christ. When we are consistent we become a lighthouse for people seeking light. Doors to share why we act the way we act will open and we can share about a Savior who took us from darkness and brought us into the light, a Shepherd who found us when we were lost, a Father who celebrated with all of Heaven when we came home. We will have opportunities to invite them to church or a connect group.

We are not here to build our empires we are here to build His church, once our lives are surrendered to Christ we are given a new mandate, a new mission. As we continue to grow and mature in our faith we need to stay committed to

pray for those who are searching for answers, desperate for a change, hungry for peace because you will be the one God will use to lead someone to the cross. May our eyes stay open and our spirits stay awake, looking for God's sons and daughters who are trying to make their way home.

As we end this time of prayer and fasting, do not let this be the conclusion to your growth, let this only be the foundation you will continue to build on. There is a broken and hurting world who needs faithful stewards willing to become less so Christ can become more. We do not have the power to save people, but we have the Holy Spirit who will lead us, a Savior who paid their debt on the cross and a Father who loves them and wants them where they belong. God generously allows us to play a part in His story, to make it on earth as it is in heaven, and He is giving us the mandate to, "go and make disciples of all nations."

CHALLENGE

If you have not yet become an owner at Shoreline City you can do that by going through JOIN (text "JOIN" to 73000). If you have been sitting on the sidelines, we encourage you to join a serve team. This can be one step towards building God's church.

PRAYER

FATHER, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ME TO PLAY A PART IN MAKING IT ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. I ASK THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO A WORK IN AND THROUGH ME, THAT I MAY LIVE A LIFE PLEASING TO YOU. THAT I WOULD LIFT YOU UP IN ALL THAT I DO SO MEN WOULD BE DRAWN TO YOU THROUGH MY LIFE. WOULD YOU GIVE ME EYES TO SEE THE HURTING, THE SEEKING AND THE BROKE. GIVE ME THE BOLDNESS TO INVITE THEM TO CHURCH OR A CONNECT GROUP, GIVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO SHARE WITH THEM HOW YOU HAVE CHANGED AND TRANSFORMED MY LIFE. LEAD AND GUIDE ME SO I MAY BE A VESSEL FOR YOUTH WORK THROUGH AND MAY I HELP IN MAKING DISCIPLES EVERYWHERE I GO. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.