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God is on a mission ...

- To reconcile all men to himself
- To establish his kingdom on earth
- To bring glory to his name

Accomplishing God's mission on earth seems like an overwhelmingly impossible task ... But God has given us a simple plan that actually works: MAKE DISCIPLES.

"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

1. What's a disciple?

- A disciple IS NOT ... someone who says, "I prayed the prayer, I'm a Christian, I believe the Bible, I'm a church member, I give and volunteer"
- A disciple IS ... someone so drawn to Jesus that he: yearns to be with him, longs to become like him & joins him in his mission

2. Who's job is it to make them?

- The church
- People with a special calling, training or gifting (the competent)
- Those who've been disciple themselves
- The rest of us

3. How are they made?

- If Jesus intended that we'd all be in the family business, then why do we seem to think that making disciples is somebody else's job?
- "The Great Commission is not a call for a few of us, but a command for all of us. We are not an audience of spectators; we are a fellowship of disciple-makers." (Platt)
- Going (relationship), Baptizing (identifying), Teaching (reproducing), Repeating

You can make disciples ... because Jesus is with you. It takes one to make one.

"You can lead a man to Christ in a couple of minutes to a couple of hours, but it takes twenty weeks to a couple of years to adequately follow him up." - Dawson Trotter, founder of the Navigators