

Gods word Matt 28: 18-20

Text 1 Corinthians 12: 27-28

When you woke up this morning, what motivated you to come to church? Tradition, peer pressure, guilt, That's the one that usually gets me. Or were you motivated to come so that you could be energized, pumped up the week ahead? Well I hope it was the last one.

You may not remember but back in June Pastor Mike gave a message on the fact that Christ had an agenda. And part of his agenda is for each and everyone of us, can you guess what that agenda is? His agenda is for all of us to become disciples for him.

In the New Testament the word Disciple is used to describe the people who are committed to following Jesus. Being a disciple Of Jesus requires more than just showing up for a church service on Sunday. Jesus is meant to have a central place in our hearts and daily lives. Being a disciple is more than just reading your bible once in awhile, or saying a prayer when you need something. You must be committed to having a personal relationship with Christ.

Discipleship is an on going process that will last our whole lifetime, and it should touch every part of our life. Together we are Christs house, His church, His body and God has called us together for a purpose. We talked earlier that Jesus had an agenda and it is for us to love and serve Him, and love and serve others. We are to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, we are to learn more about Him and lead other to Him. All of us probably have

felt the urgency to bring others into the family of God before Jesus returns.

Jesus calls all of His disciples, all of His followers and all of us who say we have been saved. To be actively involved in sharing the message of salvation.

In the scripture read this morning Jesus says, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. Now through reading your bible, praying and learning to be more like Christ, this helps us in our ability to be a disciple and also the ability to go and make disciples. Now Christ doesn't send us out unprepared, it says in this mornings text that he gives us all gifts and talents.

Read 1 Cor. 12: 27-28

So it says we all have gifts, some us may have more than one. We each have to learn what our gift is. One of mine is being able to go up to strangers and asking them if they go to church. As a matter of fact my wife get annoyed with me whenever we go out because I find the oppportunity to start a conversation with whoever I meet and I always will ask that question! If they are alright with this question, I continue to tell them about BUMC, if they have a church I tell them that I hope they are taught from the bible. As for me the denomination does not matter, because those are things of humanity, not of God, I hope we can all just be Gods children.

Christ wants us to use our gifts for his Glory, He wants us to make disciples for him. Are you involved in making disciples.

Really ?

Do you tell others how God the father loves them? Do you share the love of Jesus with them? Do you allow the Holy Spirit to use the gifts and talents that God has given you? Are you teaching others what it means to be a follower of Christ? Now here is a big one, are you proclaiming by the way you live, the way you act, the way you speak that Jesus Christ is your Lord and saviour?

God can use everyone of us to share the Gospel. God can use you, yes even you to make a difference in this world. How long are you going to wait to start experiencing the abundant life that God has waiting for you?

Have you ever wondered if the first disciples were perfect? Well of course not. but they had desire, commitment and the power of the Holy Spirit. Think of all the things the disciples did not have to work with that we can use today in our discipleship. We have modern technology, cars, tv, radio, mobile phones, internet, facebook, twitter. With the access to all these things, are we working on accepting the command and challenge that Jesus has given us.

We need to realize that people need to be saved from their sins, people need to hear about Jesus, and accept that He is their Lord and Saviour. God has called on us to reach all the lost people. If we don't tell them about Christ how will they hear about Him? How will they be able to call on Him to save them from their sins and their sins? Fortunately my mom took me or should I say dragged me to church and this is where I first heard about Christ. But my

real acceptance of Christ came about 24 years ago. We need to be the hands and feet for Christ, and let the holy spirit work through us.

We need to get out of our own comfort zone and reach all people, regardless of their race, religion, rich, poor, healthy or sick. We need to reach anyone with ears to hear.

In Matthew when Jesus heard the pharisees ask his disciples why does he eat with such scum? Jesus reply was healthy people don't need a doctor but sick people do. The words sick people do, pretty much includes all of us, because we are all sinners.

Jesus didn't die so we could feel good on Sunday morning. He died to set us all free. He died to bring salvation, He died to bring healing and wholeness and restoration to a fallen and sick world. Jesus died for you, what will you do for him? Will you help build His church? Will you share the gospel? will you make a difference for the Kingdom of God in this generation? Don't put it off, don't wait any longer. Our time is short in this world, make a commitment to do everything that God has asked you to do to make a difference.

Look for an opportunity to get involved, focus on sharing Jesus with others. The choice to follow God is a sincere commitment it means being all in, it means being faithful not faithless. God has something very important for you to do.

We must really work on being a good desciple, when we live in a nation and a world that is working hard at taking God out

everything. A world where morals don't matter, and so many think if I just go on a shooting spree everything will be alright. Now is the time for Christian disciples to get out in this crazy world and spread the good news of Jesus Christ, and his salvation. Jesus is going to come back.

Have you ever noticed on your way out of the church there is a sign on the doors that says "depart to serve, you are now entering your mission field." My question for you today is are you ready to be the disciple that Christ wants you to be? Amen