

BE A DISCIPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES.

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Two thousand years ago, Jesus walked up to a handful of people and said, “Follow me.” Imagine being one of those original disciples. They were ordinary people like you and me. They had jobs, families, hobbies, and social lives. They weren’t the spiritually elite and may have even felt like they didn’t know enough or weren’t good enough to be disciples. As they went about their business on the day Jesus called them, none of them would have expected their lives to change so quickly and completely.

The disciples could not have fully understood what they were getting into when they responded to Jesus’s call. Whatever expectations or doubts, whatever curiosity, excitement, or uncertainty they felt, nothing could have prepared them for what lay ahead. Everything about Jesus—His teaching, compassion, and wisdom; His life, death, and resurrection; His power, authority, and calling—would shape every aspect of the rest of their lives.

After His resurrection, Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and make more disciples. They took this mission seriously and in only a few years, these simple, uneducated folks were standing before some of the most powerful rulers on earth being accused of “turn[ing] the world upside down” (Acts 17:6). What began as simple obedience to the call of Jesus ended up changing their lives, and ultimately, the world.

Each generation of Christians since Jesus gave the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), has been called to be disciples and to then go make disciples. It is because of their faithfulness, generation after generation, that we have heard the Gospel and are now following Jesus. The mission now falls to us, Christians in 2024, to continue to not just share

the Gospel but to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus until they are at the point that they can help others grow in their relationship with Jesus.

This summer, we are walking through a Sunday morning series called, “Be a Disciple. Make Disciples.” This begs the question, what is a disciple? The way we are defining it here is that a disciple is someone who is growing in their relationship with Jesus and helping others to do the same. In other words, “Be a disciple. Make disciples.”

Our mission statement at The Heights Baptist Church is to be a church our communities can’t live without by building relationships that connect all people to a God-sized life and love. This isn’t just a corporate mission statement. Each of us is called to be a connector. How do we do that?

This series will help each of us understand how to take the church’s mission statement and live it out in our own day to day lives. First, we connect with people who need us in their lives. Then, we connect them to God by sharing the Gospel with them and helping them to know how to live and share the Gospel themselves. We also connect them to other Christ-followers through Life Groups and ministries. Finally, we will connect most, if not all, to a disciple-making ministry of their own where they can help others grow in relationship with Jesus. Also, don’t forget, we also must connect one generation to another. If we fail at this stage of the game, the Church won’t be around 40 years from now. All of this is our personal legacy!



Upcoming Events:

- Pray with us virtually, every Saturday at 9am. [Click here to join](#). Meeting ID: 242 770 531 813; Passcode: 7729.
- Praying Them Home Community Group: first Sundays at 12:15pm (Room C100)
- Praying for My Husband Community Group: second Sundays at 12:15pm (Room C100)