

NWCC Leadership Conference 2023



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GROWING A HEALTHY CHURCH

Session IV: The Why of Discipleship – “The Work of Ministry...”

Lesson Objective:

To understand the reason, importance, and purpose of Discipleship in the church of Christ and inspire the body to actively commit to its principles.

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The Reason for Discipleship

Primarily... Because God has commanded us.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20 (NIV)

The Importance of Discipleship

- Discipleship provides a firm foundation in the faith
- Discipleship strengthens Christ followers, so they will be less likely to leave the faith
- Discipleship helps build a legacy for sustaining faith
- Discipleship is the tool that equips Christ Followers to reproduce themselves

What is the Ultimate Purpose of Discipleship?

- **Multiplication:** as Christ Followers grow in maturity, faith, and wisdom, they can lead others towards Christ
- **Conformity:** Conform to the image of Christ
- **Accountability:** being accountable for our Christian walk