



Compass Non-Negotiables

Staying Focused On God's Purpose for the Church

Matthew 28:18-20

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1. Expect _____ (Ac.20:28-32)

18 And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and
make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them
in the name
of the Father and
of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them
to observe all
that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to
the end of the age." (ESV)

2. Stay _____ (Mt.28:18-20)

3. Be _____ (Eph.4:11-16)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 11:12-15**. Satan is obviously a counterfeiter. He masterfully seeks to dupe the church, moving the church from what is best by baiting it with what is good. What is the price a church ultimately pays for being distracted and diverted from its primary calling when it gets entangled in secondary endeavors?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:10-21**. How does this passage challenge you to step-up your passion and zeal for the eternally important priorities given to us in Matthew 28:18-20?
3. Read **Ephesians 4:11-12**. How would you respond to those who say that they are looking for a more tranquil kind of church environment where they don't have to get involved in volunteering or serving?
4. Read **Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:7**. What are some of the assumed disruptions to church life that come as a result of being obedient to Christ's commission by constantly focusing on the making of disciples?
5. How can this week's sermon help to shape the way you pray for our church's programs, our church's future, and our church's highly committed participants?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

September 11th

Prov. 19-20 & 2Cor. 3

September 12th

Prov. 21-22 & 2Cor. 4

September 13th

Prov. 23-24 & 2Cor. 5

September 14th

Prov. 25-27 & 2Cor. 6

September 15th

Prov. 28-29 & 2Cor. 7

September 16th

Prov. 30-31 & 2Cor. 8

September 17th

Ecc. 1-3 & 2Cor. 9

September 18th

Ecc. 4-6 & 2Cor. 10

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0808 – **Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference**

CD # 0806 – **Building Bridges for God's Kingdom**

CD # 0707 – **Designed to Grow**

CD # 0620 – **Extending the Reach of the Lordship of Christ**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

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Edwards, Jonathan. **Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ.** Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990.

Getz, Gene. **Sharpening the Focus of the Church.** Victor Books, 1984.

Hull, Bill. **The Disciple Making Church.** Fleming H. Revell Co., 1990.

Jeffery, Peter. **How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism.** Evangelical Press, 1997.

MacArthur, John. **Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age.** Crossway Books, 1999.

Mayhue, Richard. **What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?** Christian Focus Publications, 1995.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People.** InterVarsity, 1984.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer.** Moody Press, 1994.

Saucy, Robert. **The Church in God's Program.** Moody Press, 1971.

Spader, Dann and Gary Mayes. **Growing a Healthy Church.** Moody Press, 1991.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner.** Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.

Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ.** Moody, 1996.