

The Value of an Ordinary Life
Part 2: “Making Disciples of All Nations”

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Matthew 28:16-20

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If our ordinary lives are going to be used by God for extraordinary purposes we must answer two questions.

1. Am I a disciple of Christ?

2. What does making disciples of all nations look like for me?

Making disciples involves:

1. Multiplication
2. Going
3. Baptizing and teaching
4. All nations
5. The Holy Spirit

“And if you are a member of the church, start dreaming and strategizing. Consider where God has placed you, who God has put around you, and how God desires to use you for His glory where you live and work. If you are single, how can you make the most of your singleness for ministry? If you are married, how can you serve together with your spouse in your community? If you have kids, how can you make your home a ministry to children in your neighborhood? If you work outside the home, how can you share Christ in your workplace? Be careful not to let programs in the church keep you from engaging people in the world with the gospel. Make the most of the opportunities for ministry that God has built into your life.”

David Platt, *Radical Together*, Multnomah Books, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011, p. 67-68.

“Our task, therefore, is massive and unmistakable. Thousands of people groups have not yet been reached with the gospel, and Jesus has commanded (not merely *called* but *commanded*) us to get the gospel to them. So for you and me not to be intentionally engaged in taking the gospel to unreached people groups is disobedience to the command of Christ. Our churches are in the wrong before God if we are not prioritizing the spread of the gospel to every people group.”

David Platt, *Radical Together*, Multnomah Books, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011, p. 84.

“Consider the life and leadership of Jesus. Surely he had a passion for the glory of the Father in all nations. Yet he spent his life with a small group of men in a relatively isolated geographic area. His ministry to them, however, was always for the purpose of the spread of the gospel beyond them. Jesus didn’t care only about needs in Jerusalem or Galilee. He cared about the nations so deeply that he poured his life into a handful of men in Jerusalem and Galilee who would one day turn the world upside down. Jesus cared so much about getting the gospel to Americans in the twenty-first century that he poured his life into twelve Jewish men in the first century. It was never an either/or for Jesus; it was a both/and.”

David Platt, *Radical Together*, Multnomah Books, Colorado Springs, CO, 2011, p. 91.