

# **MISSIONS FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE**



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Mission

# Why does the church exist?

**In the WORLD?**

As a “Gathered Community”

**Going – Make Disciples**

**Baptizing - Teaching Them**

**Evangelism**

**Edification**

**Activities and Directives**

**Results and Objectives**

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Acts 1:8  
Acts 2:14  
Acts 4:1,2,4  
Acts 4:31  
Acts 5:12-14  
Acts 5:19-21a  
Acts 5:25

**Acts 2:46-47**

**Acts 2:41-42**

**Acts 4:32**

# Defining missions in our context



**In groups of five design a  
definition for MISSIONS**

# Missions

**Missions is the worldwide enterprise of making disciples of the nations that fall outside the normal outreach responsibilities of the local church**

**Church missional policy handbook, APMC, 3<sup>RD</sup> edition**

# Missions

**Missions is an enterprise devoted to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and to persuading men to become His disciples and dependable, reproductive members of His church.**

**Donald McGavran, Understanding Church Growth**

# Missions

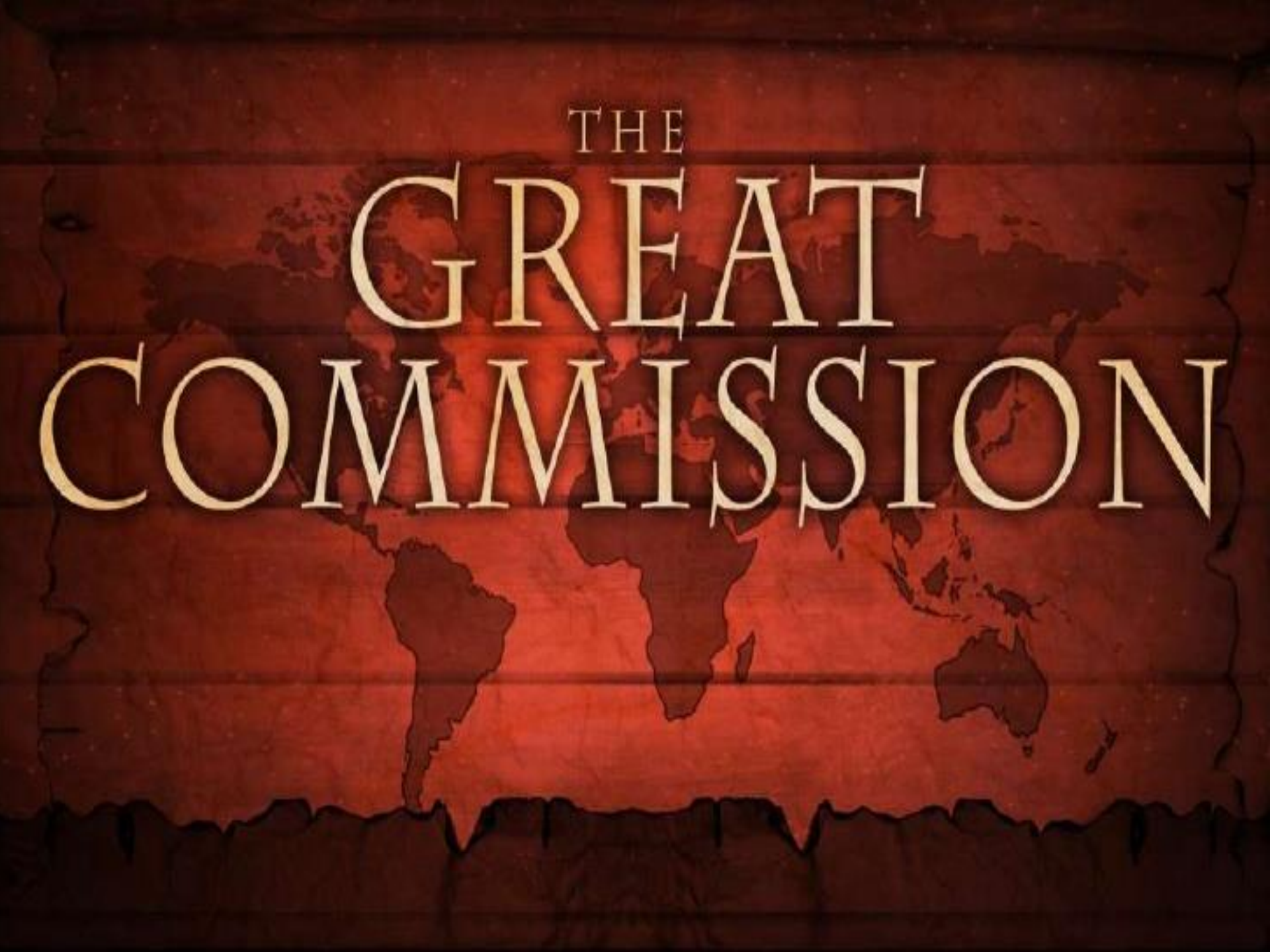
**Missions is the intentional, sacrificial penetration of major human barriers...to plant communities of responsible disciples of Jesus Christ among groups of people where none have existed before**

**David Bryant, in the Gap**

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**Missions finds its  
basis in the GREAT  
COMMISSION**





THE  
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COMMISSION

# The Great Commission

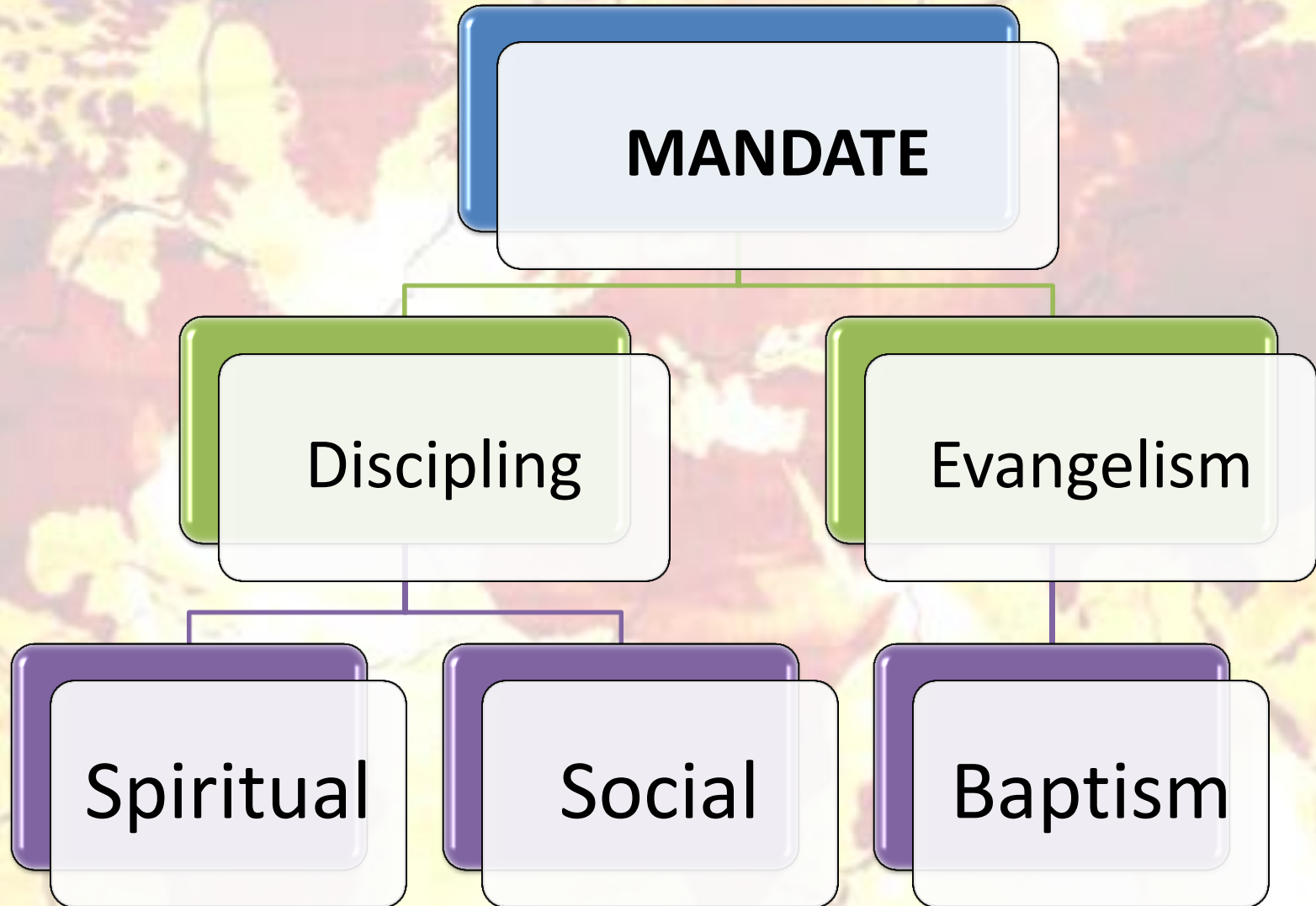


“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.”

*J. Hudson Taylor*

Hudson Taylor  
1832 - 1905

# The Nature of the Mandate





**The mandate is  
expressed in the  
Great Commission**

# The Great Commission

## Scripture References

- **Matthew 28:18-20; 7:24-27**
- **Mark 16:15**
- **Matthew 24: 14,**
- **Luke 24:46-48**
- **Acts 1: 4-5, 8**

# The Nature of the Great Commission

**Understanding the Great Commission will help to determine how the local church should respond**



# The Five Basic Components of the Great Commission

The Goal

The Responsibility

Authority  
& Power

The Commissioning of the Church

The Condition



# The Goal

**To make  
disciples of all  
nations**



# Our Responsibility



**Obey the  
command!**

# Our Responsibility

Going to all....

**Preaching**

**Baptizing**

**Teaching**

(all who repent  
- Acts 2:38-41)

(them to obey all  
- Matt. 7:24-27)



# Our Responsibility



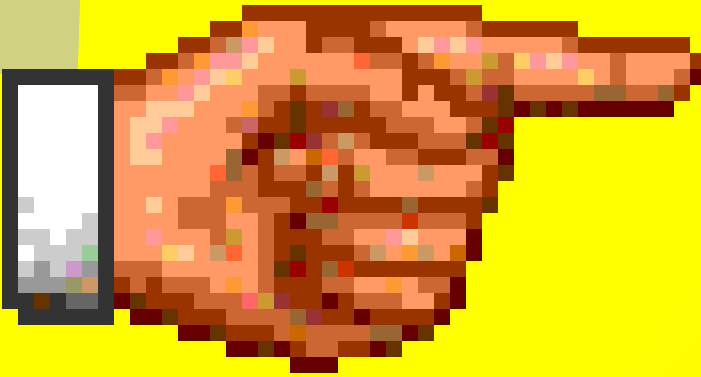
*Going to all....*

**People groups**

**Nationalities**

**Socio-economic  
status groups**

# Our Responsibility:



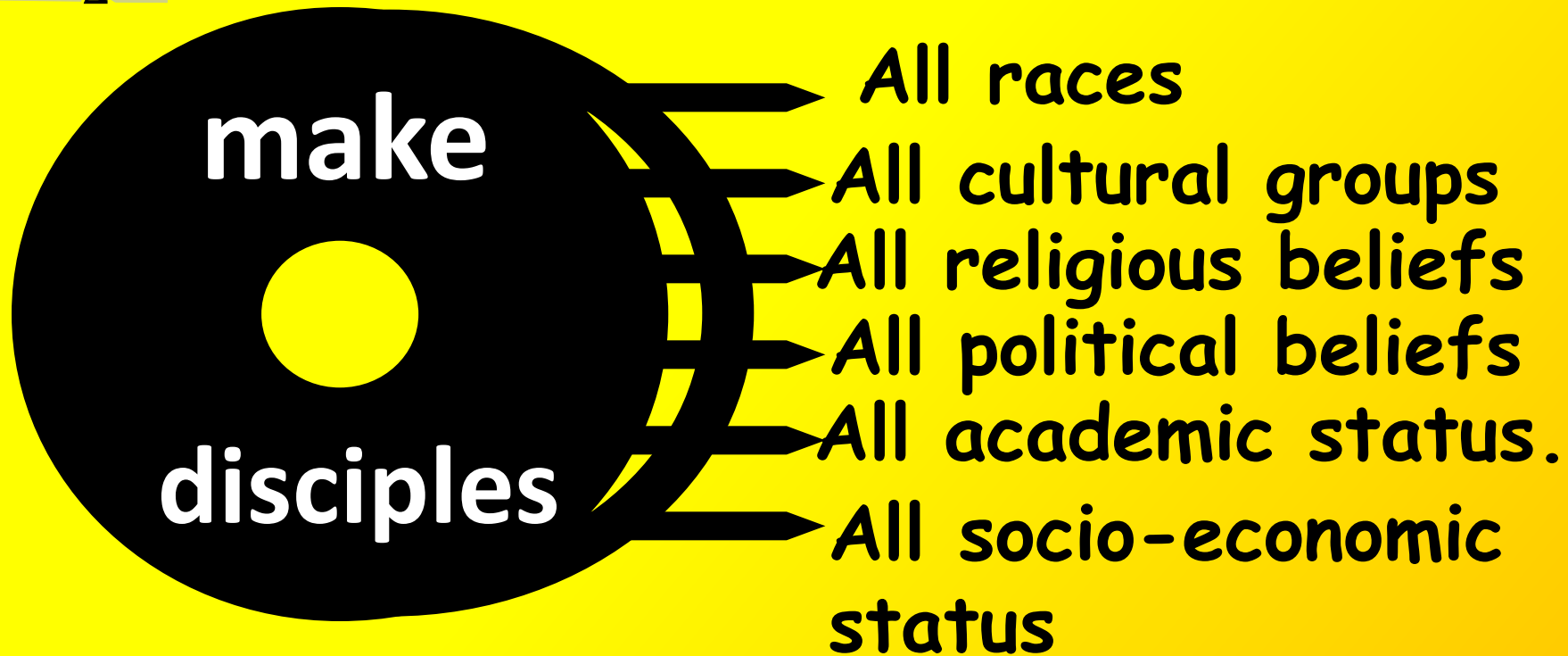
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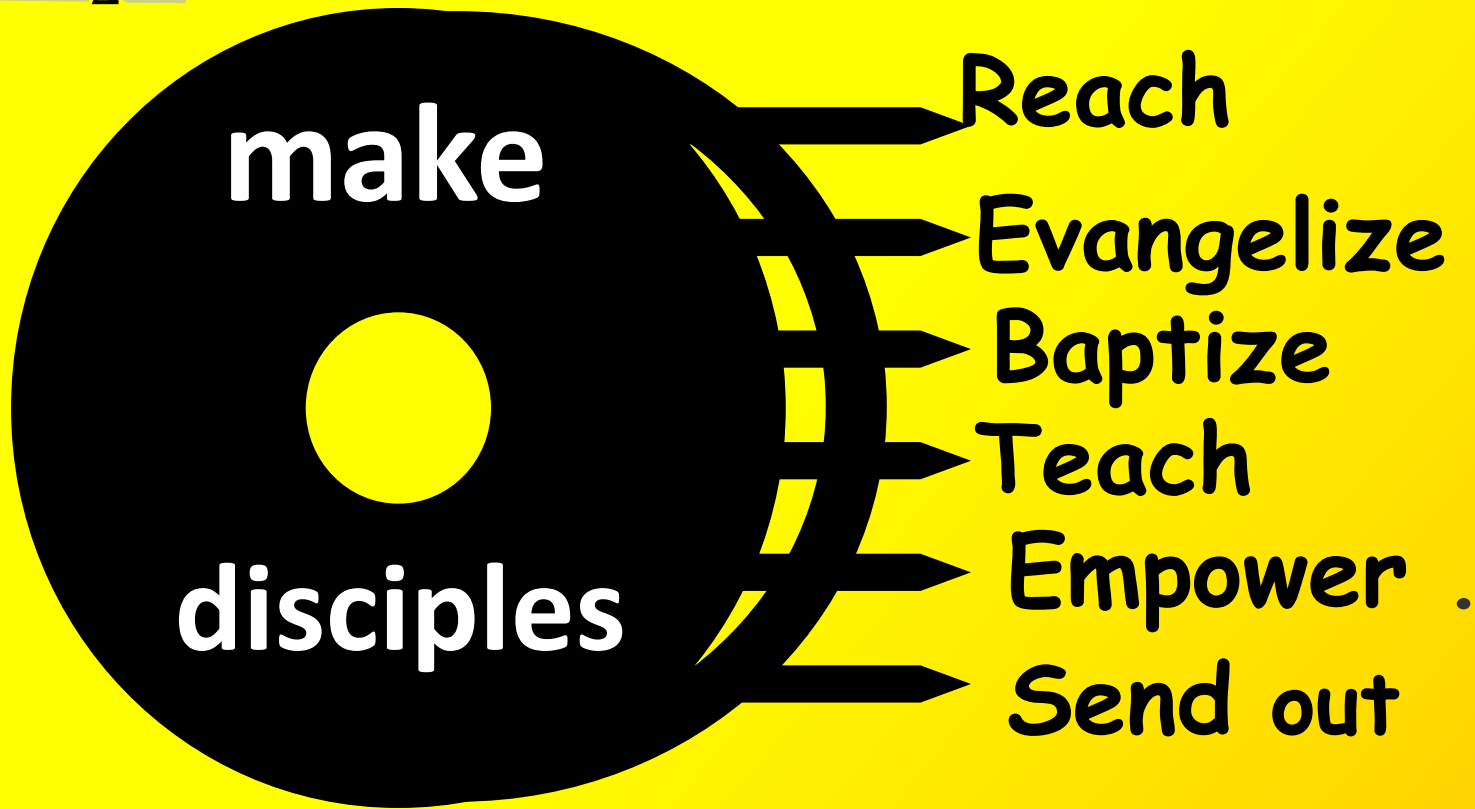
**The purpose of the  
mandate is for the  
fulfillment of God's  
Redemptive Plan**  
Gen 3: 15, 28; Hab 2: 14



# Fulfilling the Mandate of the Great Commission



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# *Operations of the Great Commission Church*

- Disciple making – primary function
  - Global outreach – evangelism, follow-up, social transformation
- Worshipping
  - Ordinances
- Praying
  - Fellowshiping
- Bible study
  - Being stewards of
- Giving
  - God's creation





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# Mind-set Change!

**Missions**

**vs**

**Money**

**Children**

**vs**

**Money**

**Heart  
condition**

**vs**

**Socio-  
economic  
condition**

# Lighting the Fire at Home!



**We have to adopt all  
the tenets of the  
Great Commission  
as seen in  
Matthew 28:19-20  
and  
Acts 1:8**

# Evangelism



**Local districts/churches must carefully study attitudes, trends, and methods and arrive at a contextual approach that will produce results.**

# Evangelism



I believe in...

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# Discipleship



**We must contain the harvest by  
developing an effective  
discipleship program in our  
churches**



# Church planting within our communities



**Demographic studies and needs assessments must be done within each district to identify population shifts and concentrations.**

# Regional and Foreign Missions

We should:

- Continue with foreign missions
- Pay strong attention to regional missions



# Regional and Foreign Missions

We should:

- Refocus our attention to the first world and large metropolitan cities



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# Partnerships



- **There are other bodies engaged in missionary work**
- **We must be willing to explore other areas of missions apart from establishing churches**  
**For example:**
  - **Training**
  - **Project orientation**
  - **Partnering**

# Be a Harvest-friendly Church



- **Cultivate passion**
- **Empower our human resources**
- **Understand the changing nature of the harvest**
- **Rejuvenate our approach to reaping the harvest**