

## **12 reasons why you need to take action *NOW*, under God, to get on with making disciple-makers in your church.**

### **1. It's the mission Jesus gave you (and all disciples).**

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)

### **2. It's the reason you chose to go into full-time vocational ministry in the first place.**

Remember? Remember why you decided to go into pastoral ministry in the first place? Remember the joy of making disciples, seeing people grow, transform and bear fruit as they live their identity in Christ, often through the most difficult of circumstances.

### **3. It's why God has put you where you are now...isn't it?**

Surely your purpose is not simply to organize church, run activities, make sure a relentless schedule of deadlines is met and keep everything in order.

Surely, your purpose is to shape and grow all the ministries, activities and efforts of the church and your people to make and grow disciples who make and grow disciples.

### **4. It's the most loving thing you can do for your people.**

What else could it be, if not making disciples who make disciples, teaching each other to obey all Jesus commanded?

Act now to prioritize your use of time on shaping ministry around disciple-making. It's the most loving thing you can do.

### **5. Your current plan isn't bearing fruit.**

If you made plans to change up disciple-making for 2023-2024, how's it going?

### **6. It's URGENT...Jesus is coming soon!**

Mt 24:42-44 "...for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

2 Pet 3:10 "...the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night..."

Rev 1:3 "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done."

### **7. You are the miracle you've been waiting for (actually).**

You are the chief disciple-maker in your church. If your church doesn't have a disciple-making culture, look in the mirror first!

We know God does the work of making disciples as his word and the Spirit work through the activities of disciples and in the hearts of those they speak to. As disciples we are to be disciple-makers.

By the way, what miracle were expecting?

### **8. You are your church's chief agent of change.**

You are the single biggest human influence on the ministry and culture of your church.

You as the senior Pastor/leader must decide to act and change yourself first. Before your church culture can change, you need to change. If you're unable to make the necessary changes to prioritize disciple-making as the main thing, then who or what can or will (change that)?

If you don't take action to make changes as the leader of your church, why would you expect people in your church to change? If you personally are not doing anything different, why would expect your progress on disciple-making will be any different by December 2024?

### **9. Your ministry clock is counting down.**

If you're 40, and you see yourself pastoring until you're 65. That's 25 years of pastoral disciple-making ministry left to go. (Do your own calculation here.)

So, every year you FAIL to take decisive action is another year LESS you have to make, build and grow disciple-makers as your primary mission and focus.

What are you waiting for? We are now more than an eighth (1/8) through calendar 2024!

### **10. You want to look back on 25 years of senior pastoring with joy and thanksgiving (not frustration and regret).**

You don't want to look back on 25 years of excuses.

Do you want to spend the next 25 years saying you don't have enough time, there aren't enough leaders to help, I'm not sure how to make the change? Or that church members aren't committed enough, not willing to serve, they're too busy with life, work, and family, they don't want to be disciplined?

Perhaps you can get away with saying this today, and maybe you can say this again next year. But, unless you take action, what is ever going to change?

### **11. The reality is, 'tomorrow' never comes.**

How often have you promised yourself and others that you will do something about disciple-making 'tomorrow'?

Take action on disciple-making today, not tomorrow—because tomorrow never comes!

### **12. There is support and equipping available to help you step-by-step.**

If part of the reason you are hesitating or putting it off is because you're not sure what next steps to take or concerned that you don't have the expertise to take them, then there is help available.

*So, what urgent action are you going to take to facilitate and equip the mission of disciple-making and get on with it for the rest of 2024 and beyond?*

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