

# Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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Jesus said, "Go...and make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..." (Matthew 28:18-20)

## RECENTLY WE WERE ASKED WHAT IT IS THAT WE DO... WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

FOR 23 YEARS OUR PURPOSE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME:



**MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD!**



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**DISCIPLESHIP STARTS WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL!  
FROM THERE IT GOES TO TEACHING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD'S WORD  
IN ORDER TO MATURE PEOPLE AS CHRIST BE FORMED IN THEM  
AND THEY BE EQUIPPED TO DO THE WORKS OF THE LORD IN THE WORLD.**

This has always been GOD's calling! **OVER THESE 23 YEARS – NOW IN OUR 24<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF MINISTRY**, GOD has opened doors to teach HIS Word in neighborhoods, local churches, the inner city, businesses, and even in some government facilities! In addition -- **FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, GOD HAS EVEN EXPANDED HIS CALL TO OTHER STATES THROUGH ONLINE TEACHING!**



**6 WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES!**

**We are currently blessed to teach and counsel the Scriptures to 80+ people each week!** In **SIX WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES** as well as one-on-one counsel, we teach the Scriptures verse-by-verse, in context, with clear teaching of sound doctrine.

When we explain our mission to those who ask, this comment sometimes arises: "But, the local church does that... Why are YOU needed?" Our response to that is: "If your church does that, PRAISE GOD!"

**BUT, THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE IN OUR DAY AND AGE THAT THERE ARE MANY CHURCHES IN AMERICA THAT ARE NOT TEACHING GOD'S TRUTH AS CLEARLY GIVEN IN SCRIPTURE.**

Scripture tells us that "the time will come when they [those who profess Christ] will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth.." (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

### Terms & Definitions

#### • Exegesis

- Critical explanation; Bringing out the meaning of the text

#### • Eisegesis

- Putting meaning into a text; reading in your own ideas

#### • Narcigesis

- Putting yourself, your culture, your principles in the text

Unfortunately, all too frequently GOD-breathed CHRIST-Centered Christianity is being substituted with a superficial ME-Centered "Christianity". Many current teaching-trends bear little resemblance to what Scripture actually teaches. The trend today is more "Eisegesis" or "Narcigesis" of Scripture rather than "Exegesis". We often receive calls from people around the country that are struggling to find a solid, Bible-teaching church!!!

**IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS HAPPENING?** The **2025 State of Theology Survey** from Ligonier Ministries uncovers startling statistics of what people in American *evangelical* churches *actually believe* about GOD, the Bible and salvation:

100% of evangelical Christians surveyed affirm that "the Bible is the highest authority for what I believe". This is GOOD! Scripture IS the Christian's highest authority for what we believe.

AND YET, the following statistics are clearly NOT in accordance with Scripture:

- 64% of evangelicals believe that "Everyone is born innocent in the eyes of GOD."
- 53% affirm that "Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature."
- 60% strongly disagree that "even the smallest sin deserves eternal damnation".



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*Making Disciples Aflame for Christ filled with His Light and Hope.*

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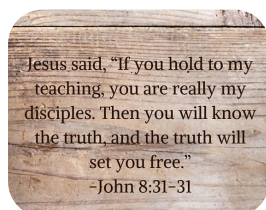
- 98% of evangelicals affirmed that “There is one true GOD in three persons: GOD the Father, GOD the Son, and GOD the Holy Spirit”. **AND YET**, 53% believe “The Holy Spirit is a force, but is *not* a personal being.”
- 47% of evangelicals affirm that “GOD accepts the worship of ALL religions, including Christianity, Judaism and Islam”.

These are just a few of the troubling responses given by those who *profess* to hold Scripture as their highest authority and priority.

**IN THE WORDS OF THE SURVEY:** These are not statistics from skeptics or secularists.

These are the beliefs of *evangelicals* -- people who claim to have a high view of the Bible.

**\*\*WHAT WE SEE IS NOT MERELY A KNOWLEDGE PROBLEM, BUT A DISCIPLESHIP PROBLEM.\*\***



**THUS -- GOD'S CALLING ON THIS MINISTRY! "Go and MAKE DISCIPLES"!**  
Our Lord's Great Commission is not just about evangelism to get people saved -- once saved through the proclaiming of GOD's Gospel, these precious souls then **NEED TO BE DISCIPLED BY THE TEACHING OF THE WORD!**

GOD'S people are strengthened in Sound Doctrine!

As GOD matures HIS people through HIS Word, they become better equipped to stand firm in the faith and to share GOD's Truth concerning CHRIST with the world!

**IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING,**

**Please KNOW how THANKFUL WE ARE for YOUR part in GOD's work of MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST THROUGH THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD!**



**YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES FOR THE BUILDING OF GOD'S KINGDOM AND THE GLORY TO HIS NAME!**



*May the Lord's Grace and Peace be yours in the fullest measure.*

*A Blessed Thanksgiving to ALL!*

*Ray, Tressa and Gwen*

*We'd love to see you!*

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN BIBLE STUDY!**

- ⇒ **10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Study of the Book of Ephesians!**  
Taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom.
- ⇒ **7:00 PM TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING** led by Ray ONLINE via Zoom
- ⇒ **10:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY — Experiencing God's Grace through the Bible's Most Compelling Characters!** Topical study led by Gwen, meets in person in Bridgeport.
- ⇒ **10:00 AM THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Study of the Book of Ephesians!**  
Taught IN PERSON by Tressa in Bridgeport.
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY — Study of the Book of Ephesians!**  
Taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom.
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Study of the Book of Ephesians!**  
Taught ONLINE by Ray via Zoom!
- ⇒ **9:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY — Experiencing God's Grace through the Bible's Most Compelling Characters!** Taught ONLINE by Gwen via Zoom