Sermon Notes for September 13, 2015

What on Earth Am I Here For?

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction

What on earth am I here for?

“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” John 4:34

Jesus was clear in his mission.

Is our highest aim in life to do what God asks?

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:31-33

What on earth am I here for?

To know him and to make him known.

I. To Know Him.

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

Jesus called the twelve disciples, “that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14

What does a disciple look like?

Jesus tells us in John 15, a disciple:

- Remains in Christ – verses 4, 5 and 7
- Bears much fruit – verses 5 and 8
- Is obedient – Verse 10
- Has joy – verse 11
- Has love – verses 12-13

Does God come first in your life?

Have you surrendered everything to him?

Are you growing as a disciple in each of these areas?
II. To Make Him Known.

“Do you not say, ‘four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” John 4:35

How will they hear unless someone tells them?

That’s our job. That’s the mission of the church.

“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 28:19-20

The mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations. To do that we need to:

- Go
- Baptize
- Teach

Our church mission statement says:

“We believe that God has placed us in the Chisago Lakes area to be a loving Biblical and relevant witness to the grace and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to glorify God by making healthy multiplying disciples who will work together to reach the world for Jesus Christ.”

Why do we keep coming back to this? Because over time, churches and organizations drift from their mission.

The measure of a church is not its attendance or budget or the size of its building. It is the kind of people we are becoming in Jesus Christ. Are we making disciples?

What is your role in making disciples?

Conclusion

We never know what God may do when we follow him.

We are called to know him and to make him known.