

Transformational Discipleship

Discovering how we grow closer to Christ

The Posture of Transformation Part 3: Outward Focus Matthew 16:18-19

Introduction:

With an emphasis on discipleship, which is focused on the spiritual growth and development of believers, it is easy to develop the perspective that churches should turn most of their attention inward to this process of growing disciples. However, Jesus informed His followers of the importance of sharing the Gospel in His response to Peter's confession. He tells of the Church's...

I. P _____ (v. 18a)

“Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who will we go to? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!’”

John 6:68-69

II. P _____ (v. 18b)

“Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

“For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

III. P _____ (v. 19)

“But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher?¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!” Romans 10:14-15