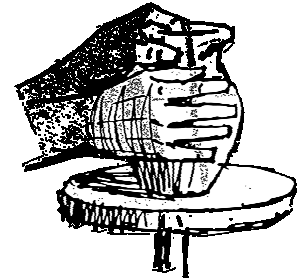


# His Workmanship: Westside

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

—Ephesians 2:10



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Isaiah 64:8

## The Discipleship Commission, by anonymous

Discipleship is imperative! It is the job of the church to “make disciples.” At the end of Jesus’s earthly life and ministry, He left these words with His followers: “Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I AM with you always, to the end of the age,’” Mt 28:18-20. In the fullness of all-heaven-and-earth authority, Jesus charges us with the task of carrying on His own ministry. The final command He gave to the church was to *make disciples*. As believers this is a non-negotiable labor of our faith.

Some ideas are seen clearly in the Greek words that we can’t see in English words. In these verses *make disciples* is the only Greek verb, marking it the central action word. Thus, making disciples is the focus of Jesus’s command. “Go,” “Baptize,” and “Teach,” are secondary to “Make disciples.” At the very core, Jesus’s clear instruction to us is to “make disciples.” (The words “go,” “baptizing,” and “teaching”—participles—are all dependent on the primary verb, “make disciples”; these participles give addi-

tional parameters to the main verb.)

**Making disciples is not the same as going.** You can go without making disciples. You can stay and successfully make disciples. The command is not about distance (though this can be part of it), but *continuous action*. Matthew was very clear: We are to be intentionally active in making disciples. The command is not “sit around and wait for discipleship to happen.” Instead, we are to go and deliberately seek out people to disciple. The more we become mature in our faith, the more making disciples should be our normal behavior.

**Making disciples is not the same as making converts.** Baptism is the first step of obedience when we put our faith in Christ. It publicly testifies of our commitment to and identification with Jesus. Part of the process of disciple-making is baptism, but this is not the final goal. Leading people to faith is only the first part. If we stop there, we have made a convert but not a disciple. Believing in the saving work of Jesus Christ is foundational to discipleship, but it goes beyond this to training for a life-time pursuit of Christ. **Making disciples is not the same as teaching.** The other instruction Jesus felt important to give in order to clarify

the disciple-making command is that we teach people to live in obedience to His commands. We are to teach them knowledge of His Word (so they know what to obey), but if our attempts to disciple stop at imparting knowledge we are not discipling in the way Jesus intended. Teaching people to obey expects that we move beyond knowledge to whole-life application of those God-given Words—from knowing to living. Making disciples is not simply teaching people facts, nor is it merely getting people to apply truth. According to the Great Commission, the task of disciple-making involves:

- A disciple of Jesus Christ
- Active pursuit of other people to become disciples
- A point of transition for learners from non-disciple to disciple
- Baptism for remission of sins as obedience to Christ and a sign of faith
- Learning whole-life obedience to God’s Words

Jesus was clear in the task He gave to the church. We are to be so intentional in making disciples that it should be the natural and expected behavior of everyone who has faith in Christ. Are you making disciples? If the answer is no, what needs to change in your life to obey this command?

**“Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all,” Philippians 2:17**

### **Empty Your Cup**, unknown

*If God commanded everyone to make disciples, then everyone is capable of making disciples.*

The moment someone surrenders his life to Jesus, he begins the journey of aligning his life with God’s Word, and his life comes under the command to *make disciples*.

#### **Discipleship honors diversity.**

There is no one-size-fits-all method for making disciples. That’s because there is no one-size-fits-all disciple. God made us diverse, and though there will be similarities in the way we disciple others—since we’re all imitating what Christ modeled for us and obeying the same Book—who we are, where we grew up, what our job is, and the unique work God has done in us, how we think and interact with the Word, all shape what we have to offer others as we invite them into our lives. Everyone is different, and that’s part of the beauty of creation. Some people are extremely brainy, others learn slower. Some love to read, others have dyslexia and can’t. We have different talents and abilities, skills, spiritual gifts, and passions. Our discipleship has to reflect that diversity, and it will be significantly hindered if we don’t take it into account.

**Discipleship works in groups and one-on-one.** One-on-one is, of course, the most personal and in the final analysis the better. One-on-one is at the same time easier and harder. It is easier because it only takes one person to talk to one other person. It is harder when a church doesn’t have enough resources for one-on-one: not enough “disciplers” (people willing to go, teach, and make disciples) and time. Classes allow us to serve a large group of people in a short time, but that’s only a small portion of what

Christ demonstrated. He often taught large crowds, but He also invested more time and teaching in a smaller, distinct group of people. Then within His group of twelve, He often interacted with one or two disciples specifically. These were not just students, but friends whom He knew and cared about. The closer to one-on-one, the better. Our class teaching will have a greater influence when we take time to know the people we teach. Our small groups will grow more intimate as the people in the group place their trust in us, trust that is most easily earned one-on-one!



One of the first principles to adopt as in making disciples is to empty your cup. Each of us is a cup, filled with a mixture of our personality, life experience, career, relationship with God, Biblical knowledge, prayer experience, evangelistic experience, life wisdom, and so on. God fills us with His Word and His Spirit, and He places people around us. Our job is to pour the contents of our cup into theirs. When we realize that discipleship is about *emptying our cup*, we realize that everyone is capable of making disciples. His fullness is sufficient, cf. 2 Cor 3:5-6; 12:9. His fullness flies in the face of some common excuses for why we don’t lead or disciple others:

- I don’t know enough – FALSE
- I’ve not been a Christian very long – FALSE
- I’m not old enough – FALSE
- It’s not my spiritual gift – FALSE
- I don’t have anything to offer – FALSE
- Other people need more than me – FALSE
- I need more training – FALSE  
(*add your own here!*)

Like so many things in life, the reality is that if we wait until we’ve got it all together, it’ll never happen!

- We will never know it all.
- We will never get enough training.
- There will always be someone who knows more or does it better.

But that’s not our concern. Our job is simply to take what we do have and pour it into the people around us. We ask the Spirit to help us trust the work God has done in us, and we trust Him to use what He’s done in our lives for the benefit of those around us.

A beautiful thing about discipleship is it is never a one-way process! As we’re pouring our cup into others, they’re pouring theirs into us. It’s mutually beneficial! This is the body of Christ in action! If we communicate a message that says we have to be a highly trained expert to make people disciples, then we are telling people they don’t have what it takes to do what Jesus commands. God commands everyone to make disciples, and so everyone is capable of making disciples. That includes ALL of us! Stop fretting, start trusting, look up to God and around, and empty your cup!

Jesus has poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit on all who believe, Ax 2:38; 10:45. And “*the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was given to us,*” Romans 5:5



Psalm 133:1

**Let your faith be seen in 2014**  
“I rejoice to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.” —Colossians 2:5

**Houstunned: Sermon Grab**, from p. 4 motion to quash. “These requests, if allowed, will have a chilling effect on future citizens who might consider circulating referendum petitions because they are dissatisfied with ordinances passed by the city council. Not only will the nonparty pastors be harmed if these discovery requests are allowed, but the people will suffer as well. The referendum process will become toxic and the people will be deprived of an important check on city government provided them by the charter.”

Similar cases also have erupted in Maryland, Florida, and Colorado, which adopted a radical “transgender nondiscrimination” bill in 2008 that makes it illegal to deny a person access to public accommodations, including restrooms and locker rooms, based on gender identity or the “perception” of gender identity. One consequence of the law is a ruling forcing authorities to permit 6-year-old Coy Mathis—a boy who says he thinks he’s a girl—to use the girls’ bathroom at his elementary school.

Nationwide, 17 states and the District of Columbia have embraced the transsexual agenda. Rhode Island added “gender identity and expression” to its anti-discrimination law in June with the support of Gov. Jack Markell, and Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden (the Vice President’s son) announced his support in an Equality Delaware video. Opponents point to incidents such as a man in Indianapolis who allegedly went into a women’s locker room at a YMCA and watched girls, ages 7 and 10, shower.

Opposition in Houston was led by a coalition that submitted more than 55,000 signatures in the referendum drive. City Secretary Anna Russell confirmed in writing August 1 that the petition had 17,846 qualified signatures, nearly 600 above the minimum 17,269.

## Discipleship Here At Home

### 4th Quarter Sunday Afternoon Schedule

10/19 – Lessons from the Life of Christ  
10/26 – Questions answered\*  
11/2 - Singing  
11/9 – Living Like Christ class  
11/16 - Living Like Christ class  
11/23 - Questions answered\*  
11/30 - Singing  
12/7 - Living Like Christ class  
12/14 - Living Like Christ class  
12/21 - Questions answered\*  
12/28 - Singing

\* Please submit any questions you have about scripture, religion, or any other spiritual matters to DeWayne Howell for discussion and answers.

However, City Attorney David Feldman announced 2,750 petitions were invalid because of “technical problems.” Opponents argue Feldman did not have the authority to make the decision which should have been handled by the courts.

Critics dubbed the Houston law the “sexual predator protection act,” claiming that by designating gender-confused or transgender persons as a protected class, women & children are threatened by predators seeking to exploit the ordinance’s ambiguous language.

Political activist Steven F. Hotze said the ordinance would establish minority status for transvestites, allowing men who dress as women to enter women’s public bathrooms, locker rooms, and shower facilities. “I want to protect my wife, daughters and granddaughters from being exposed to the dangers of male sexual predators masquerading as women in women’s public bathrooms and other facilities,” he said.

Other attempts to advance the transsexual agenda were defeated in Montana, Missouri, North Dakota, and New York, where state Senate leaders refused to allow a vote.

The Obama administration is solidly behind the move to open locker rooms to some members of the opposite sex. The American Psychiatric Association removed “gender identity disorder” from its list of mental health ailments in late 2012.

### PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

**Mike Strand**—stage 3 cancer

**Brittany Tope’s** mother—breast cancer back; bone scan and biopsy last week

**Brittany Tope’s** grandmother—dialysis

**Hannah Huelsman**—heart murmur, chest pain, reflux

**Cheryl Reames’s** niece **Audra** and her husband

**Hans** in Wisconsin—son **Max**, less than 1 year old, in hospital 3 times with contagious disease

**Christine Adams**—recovering from ankle surgery with 14 pins & plate; homebound till Dec; see **Judy Sartin** to co-ordinate meals

**Virginia Menard**—new ankle injury; knee pain

**Eric Perry**—intensive dental work for awhile

**DeWayne Howell’s** and **Michelle Mailloux’s** father, **Dick Howell**—back surgery recovery

**Sylvia Chapman, Brett’s** grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; chemo

**Giles Free**—seizure from fall; confined at home, no driving for a few mos; scheduled for scan

**Pat Wilkes**—recovering from knee surgery; pain

**Ed Fink**—prostate cancer; current treatment for brain tumors. Undergoing chemo this month

**Judy Sartin’s** son, **Dave Sartin**—colitis and severe depression

### CHRONIC CONDITIONS

**Logan Corray; Addison Tope; Christian Harrod; Rocco Jr; Pat Wilkes, Tim Huelsman**—asthma

**Bill Dennis**—adjusting pacemaker and meds

**Nell Free**—pacemaker, heart; back pain

**Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease

**Jonathan Hadders**—rheumatoid arthritis

**Danielle Huelsman**—vertigo, CV syndrome

**Hannah Huelsman**—polycythemia, thickening of blood; and acid reflux

**Kirk Johnson**—MS

**Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, weak;

**Virginia**, macular degeneration; high BP

**Sandra Perry**—neuropathy from diabetes

**Cheryl Reames**—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia

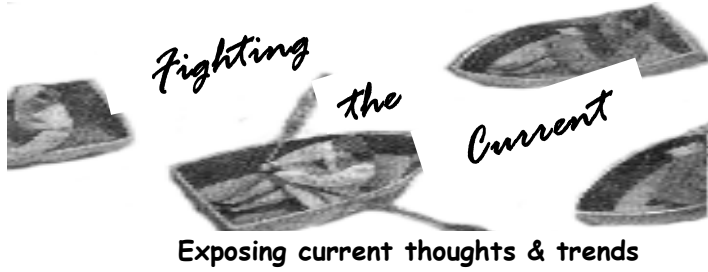
**Judy Sartin**—spinal stenosis; arthritis

**Judy and Mike Strand**—hepatitis trtment

**Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness

**Service Opportunity** Help the Reameses move Sat, 10/25, 8 am

**Travel** Joel and Meredith Walker are out of town; DeWayne and Ethan Howell return from FL Mon; Kim Howell returns from Cincinnati Mon; Pat Campbell is in AR



**City of Houston Demands Oversight of Sermons, by Bob Unruh  
Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the Issue of Sexual Confusion**

Officials with the city of Houston, who are fighting for a controversial ordinance that would allow men to use women's restrooms, have demanded to see the sermons preached by area pastors who have spoken out publicly about the pro-homosexual ordinance.

The recent move came in a subpoena from the city to pastors for copies of their sermons—and copies of other communications from the pastors to their congregations—in the city's defense of a "non-discrimination" plan that allows "gender-confused" people to use public restrooms designated for the opposite sex.

A lawsuit challenging Houston's move alleges the city violated its own charter in its adoption of the Equal Rights Ordinance, which in May designated homosexuals and transgender persons as a protected class.

Critics say the measure effectively enables sexual predators who dress as women to enter female public bathrooms, locker rooms, and shower facilities. A coalition of activists including 400 area pastors filed suit August 6 against the city and open LGBT activist and lesbian Mayor Annise Parker after the mayor apparently overstepped her authority in rejecting signatures on the petition (that were already certified) to qualify for November's election ballot. Parker, who has acknowledged the ordinance is "all about me," was legally married to her same-sex partner in California in January.

The Alliance Defending Freedom has filed a motion to quash the city's demands to see the sermons. ADF argues the pastors are not party to the lawsuit and the city's strategy doesn't meet the requirements of state law that requires such efforts "be reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, not be overly broad, seek only information that is not privileged and relevant to the subject matter of the litigation, and not cause undue burden or harassment." ADF said city officials are "illegitimately demanding that the pastors, who are not party to the lawsuit, turn over their constitutionally protected sermons and other communications simply so the city can see if the pastors have ever opposed or criticized the city." ADF Senior Legal Counsel Erik Stanley said, "City council members are supposed to be public servants, not 'Big Brother' overlords who will tolerate no dissent or challenge. In this case, they have embarked upon a witch hunt, and we are asking the court to put a stop to it."

ADF Litigation Counsel Christiana Holcomb said the city's subpoena of sermons and other pastoral communications is needless and unprecedented. "The city council and its attorneys are engaging in an inquisition designed to stifle any critique of its actions. Political and social commentary is not a crime; it is protected by the First Amendment," she said.

While the public submitted more than three times the legally required number of petition signatures to require city action, and the city secretary certified the number as sufficient, the mayor and city attorney "defied" the law and rejected the certification, ADF said.

"The message is clear: oppose the decisions of city government and drown in unwarranted, burdensome discovery requests," said a brief in support of the continued on p. 3



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*Assembly Schedule*

**Sunday**

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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**Sunday morning**

• **adult Bible class, *Portraits of Discipleship*, Lesson 2, "An Athlete: the Disciple's Commitment," and Lesson 3, "A Soldier: the Disciple's Battle,"** Kenny Boyd

• **Sermon, "Excuses of the Spiritually Indifferent,"** Jim Reingrover

**Sunday afternoon**

• **Lord's Supper, worship, and Bible class,** "Learning from Jesus," Jim Reingrover

**Wednesday night: Studies from Ezekiel.**

Get materials for both Sunday and Wednesday adult classes from website under "Member Files."