

What in the World Is the Church to Do?
Matthew 28:18-20

In the NT there are four metaphors for the church: Flack, family, building/house, bride

Someone created a new metaphor – ship

Cruise ship, destroyer, submarine, ice breaker, ghost ship. I like to think of us as a ferry

Almost from its inception until the present, the church has struggled with its purpose and mission

We Have A Supreme Mandate to Obey

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

- The Risen Savior has the right to tell the church what to do!
- Jesus loans His power and authority to the church for her mission
 - We need both to go outside the walls!
 - Authority – right
 - Power – strength

Ordinary People Must Answer the Call

- The disciples were not X Men!
 - Fishermen, political zealots, tax collectors
- Through God’s power they became superheroes
- God still uses ordinary people

God’s Plan is Clear

“make disciples”

- Discipleship Pathway
 - Discover
 - Connect
 - Grow
 - Multiply