**#2) The Church Has One MAIN Purpose: “Go Make Disciples”**

***19****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,****20****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

**Direct Command:** Greek, “make disciples.” We Are Instructed to make disciples while we are going throughout the world.

**Indirect Command:** The instructions to “**go**,” “**baptize**,” and “**teach**” are indirect commands—participles in the original.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Acts 1:8

**What Is The Church?**

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**#1) The Church Is A GATHERING Of Christians.**

*and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with* ***the church*** *and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.* Acts 11:26

**church:** ekklesia. Grk: (also ecclesia) defined as “a called-out assembly or congregation.” Ekklesia is commonly translated as “church” in the New Testament. 114x in NT.

***24****And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,****25not giving up meeting together,****as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* Hebrews 10:24-25

* **The Church Is Described By “DEVOTION”.**

*They* ***devoted*** *themselves to the apostles’* ***teaching****and to* ***fellowship****, to the breaking of* ***bread****and to* ***prayer****.* Acts 2:42

**Key Word: Devotion.**

* **The Church Has 2 Main COMMANDMENTS: “Love God & Others”**

***37****Jesus replied: “‘****Love the Lord your God*** *with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’****38****This is the first and greatest commandment.****39****And the second is like it: ‘****Love your neighbor as yourself****.’****40****All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* Matthew 22:37-40

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