

MICKEY MOUSE CHURCH

Philip started by asking us two big questions which, at the start of the New Year, are really helpful for helping us evaluate where we are with our faith:

- 1. Are you happy with what God is doing in your life?**
- 2. Are you happy with what God is doing in the lives of those around you?**

Often the answer to these two questions can highlight where there is a lack of direction and purpose in our faith. Philip focused on two passages in Matthew where Jesus gives commands to his disciples that can help us rediscover this purpose, first in Matthew 9 and then at the end of Matthew in the Great Commission.

Read through Matthew 9:35-38:

***35** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **38** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

And then Matthew 28:18-20

***18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising 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."*

The point is that we want to be a church where we don't just come for ourselves, but we reproduce ourselves - we aren't just disciples, we are disciples who make disciples.

The first passage talks about the crowds who 'were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.'

Where in your life do you see this? Where is a harvest that God is calling you to?

Jesus says the solution to this is to go and 'make disciples'. Philip highlighted four ways that we can do this as part of Metro.

- Invite a friend to Alpha
- Step up into leadership of your hub group as a 'hub sub'
- Get a mentor and then mentor someone else
- Take part in our social action projects, such as Love Running and TLG

Which of these are you going to take part in?

What would it look like to 'reproduce yourself' in these four areas?

What are the challenges/things that stop us from being disciples who make disciples? What can we as a hub do to help each other here?

Take time in 2s and 3s to pray through the challenges of this session. Take time dedicating yourselves to God's service, asking Him to give you more of His compassion for those around you, as well as a greater vision of what He can do through you.