

Message, Mission & Methods

Introduce the 3 D Disciples series

Concerned that you think:

- some new program
- passing fad they have bought in to

Central Truth presented with clarity and simplicity

- discover
- demonstrate
- duplicate

1. The Message

- John 3:16-18 ***“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”***
- created by God for relationship with God
- Sin separates mankind from a Holy God
- the cost of sin is eternal separation from God

- God took action on mankind's behalf
 - covenant with Abraham
 - relationship with the nation Israel
 - faithful when we were not
 - promise of a redeemer
- Jesus – son of God, son of man
 - lived a sinless life – evidenced divinity
 - willingly went to cross in our place
 - died and on 3rd day rose from grave
 - provided a way for us to have new life
 - allows us the choice – free will – accept or reject

2. The Mission

- all who understand and accept – now a mandate for us
- greatest commandment – **“³⁶ *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”* 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.’” Matt.22:36-39**
- loving something is evidenced in our life
 - families and spouses
- what we love takes our time, resources, sacrifices etc
- Jesus words – “if you love me obey my commands”

- the mission clearly articulated –” 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, 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 28:18-20***

a) all authority – in heaven and on earth

b) therefore – go

c) make disciples

- all nations

- baptizing them

d) teaching them to obey everything I have commanded

e) I am with you always to the end of the age

- great debate on how this looks in our times
 - holy huddle vs. seeker sensitive
 - religion vs. relationship
 - tradition vs. experience
- process of trying to simply clarify the process here
- keeping the heartbeat of the message
- understanding clearly the mission

Becoming 3D Disciples

Alliance Heart

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - ▣ An alliance of like-minded Christians hungry for the deeper life in Christ and a heart for the lost



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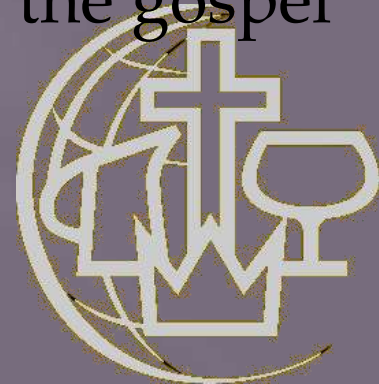
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Alliance Heart

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - The Evangelical Missionary Alliance
 - ▣ Inadequacy of what had been done frustrating
 - ▣ Obedience to Christ's commission to the church
 - ▣ To reach unreached people groups with the gospel



Becoming 3D Disciples

Alliance Heart

- ▣ Christian & Missionary Alliance is born 1897
 - A movement first, an organization second
 - ▣ To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 - ▣ To lead God's children to the deeper life in Christ
 - ▣ To do the neglected work of our age among the unchurched masses at home and reach the lost abroad



Becoming 3D Disciples

Alliance Heart

- ▣ Focus
- ▣ Being
- ▣ Doing

