

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: ALIGN

Week 4: Empowered to Do God's Purposes

"God, how can we be aligned to You, & Your heart?"

Review: 2 Core Foundations—(1) Word of God is our final authority; (2) Gospel—is our only Hope. 3 Priorities—(1) Engaging—Worship & Connect; (2) Equipped—Grow & Serve; and (3) Empowered.

Matthew 28:18-20—When we get realigned with the mission, then we can have clarity & focus.

The Mission of Maple Springs is to Lead People into a Growing Relationship with Jesus. Invest & Invite. We need to invest in people. We need to invite them into a relationship with Christ & continue to invest in them.

Matthew 4:18-19: 3 important attributes of a disciple.

1. "Come, follow me." A simple invitation. **John 12:26a**. This leads to change at the headship (authority) and head (knowledge) level.
2. "I will send you out". A process of transformation. Disciples are changed by Jesus, through the power of Holy Spirit. **JOHN 14:15-17, 21**. This speaks to people at the heart level, as they assimilate the Word of Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their inner being.
3. "fish for people". A response of action. This will lead to a change in what we do with our hands. **2 Corinthians 5:15-20**.

Putting all 3 attributes together, we see that a disciple is a person who (1) Is following Christ (head); (2) Is being changed by Christ (heart); & (3) Is committed to the mission of Christ (hands).

Timeless Truth: Invest in People & Invite them into a Relationship with Christ.