

Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church

Sermon



Love GOD. *Love* PEOPLE. *Make* DISCIPLES.

- Part 2 -

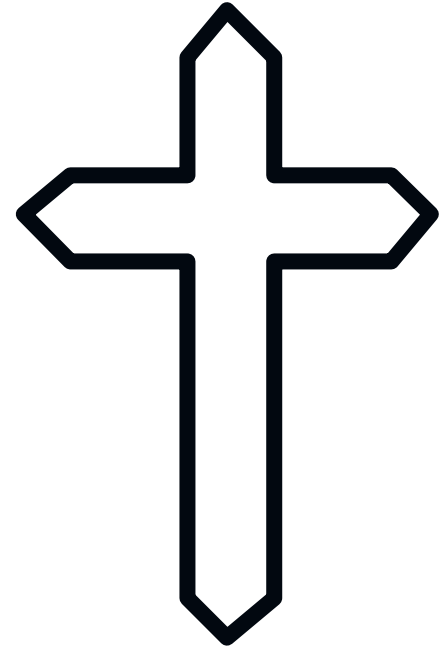
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LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. (Mark 12:29-31)

Code of Conduct:

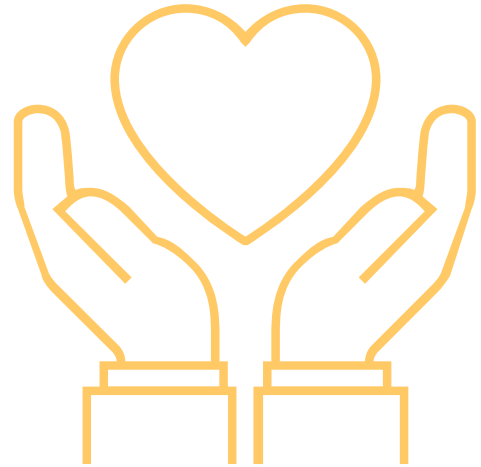
1. A radical loyalty and a 'love not their lives unto death' allegiance to Lord Jesus. (Rev 12:11)



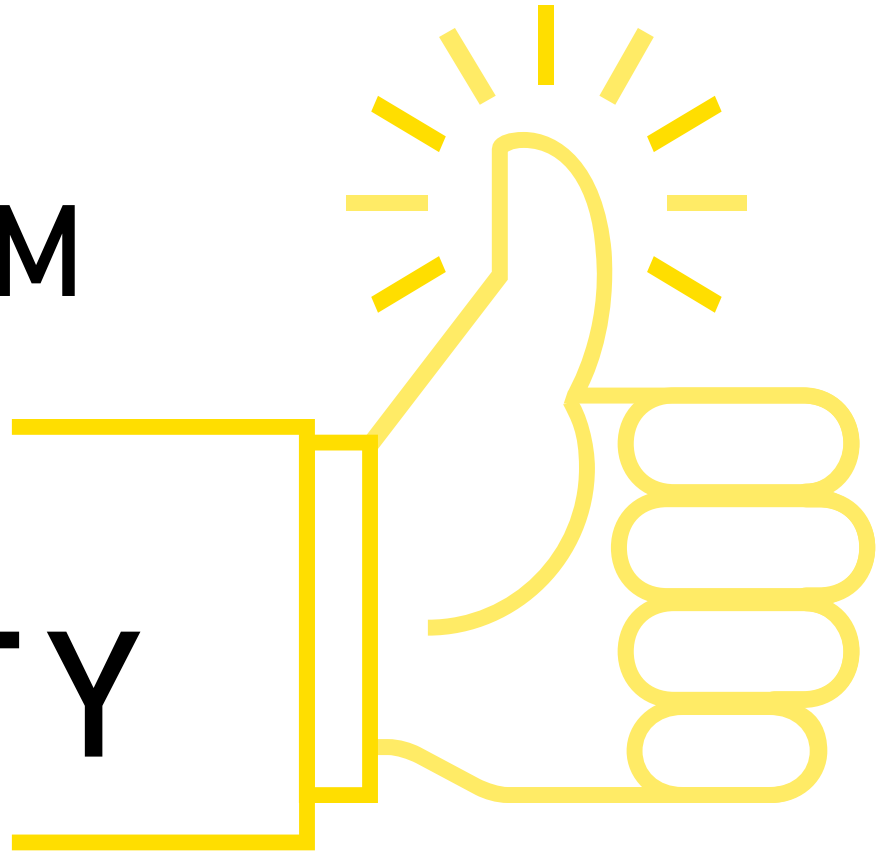
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Code of Conduct:

**2. A sacrificial &
selfless love for
all people.** (Rom 12:9-21)



**POWER TO
TRANSFORM
LIFE &
SOCIETY**



“... Christianity served as a revitalization movement that arose in response to the misery, chaos, fear, & brutality of life in the urban Greco-Roman world.

... Christianity revitalized life in Greco-Roman cities by providing new norms and new kinds of social relationships able to cope with many urgent problems.



**The Rise of Christianity,
– Rodney Stark, 1996; pg. 161**

To cities filled with the homeless & impoverished,
Christianity offered charity as well as hope.

To cities filled with newcomers & strangers,
Christianity offered an immediate basis for
attachment.

To cities filled with orphans & widows,
Christianity provided a new & expanded
sense of family.



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To cities torn by violent ethnic strife,
Christianity offered a new basis for
social solidarity.

And to cities faced with epidemics,
fire, & earthquakes, Christianity
offered effective nursing services.



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For what they brought was not
simply an urban movement,
but a new culture capable of
making life in Greco-Roman
cities more tolerable.”



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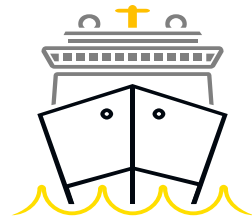
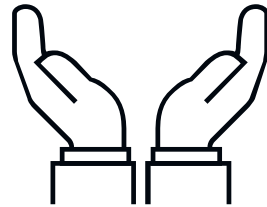
– excerpt from ‘The Rise of Christianity’,
Princeton University Press, 1996; pg. 161

RODNEY STARK

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Involves our HEAD, HEART, & HANDS

Working out our DISCIPLE -SHIP
(refers to the state of being a disciple)



MAKE DISCIPLES (Matt 28:18-20)

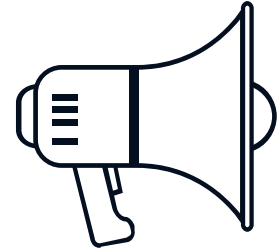
¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, 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.”

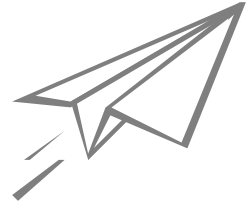
MAKE DISCIPLES (Matt 28:18-20)

- Imperative (Command)
 - Make disciples of all nations
- Participle (Verb form describing past or on-going action)
 - Go (gone; going)
 - Baptise (baptised; baptising)
 - Teach (taught; teaching)



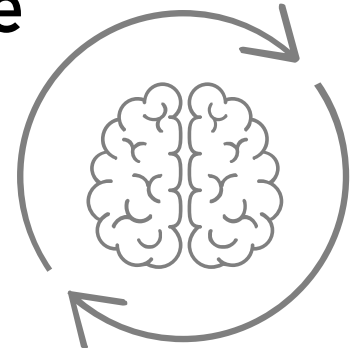
MAKE DISCIPLES (Matt 28:18-20)

- ✓ Our mission
- ✓ Outward movement
- ✓ Incarnational 'GO' instead of 'COME'
- ✓ Happens everywhere in our everyday lives
(Mark 1:38-39)
- ✓ Jesus is present as it happens (Matt 28:20)



FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

- ❑ What is the church's mission ?
- ❑ Perhaps re-think church as "send them out" vs "keep them in" ?
- ❑ How effective & equipped is the church in making disciples ?
- ❑ How can we develop this 'incarnational impulse' ?



APPLICATION / ACTION

- Jesus Christ is Lord
- Jesus' template -
discipleship & make disciples
- Become Jesus' students,
apprentices, & practitioners
- New wine & new wineskins



“ The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heart breaking needs, is weather those who, by profession or culture, are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.”



– excerpt from
“The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus’
Essential Teachings on Discipleship”

DALLAS WILLARD

Love God.

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Sums up our IDENTITY, PURPOSE, DESTINY