

Transforming Communities

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The mission of Victory Life Church: “To see people transformed by Jesus”

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Acts 2:36-41 (ESV)“ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both **Lord** and **Christ**, this **Jesus** whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “**Save yourselves from this crooked generation.**” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Making disciples of nations (communities) includes the church being an alternative community of Jesus’s disciples who live under the rule of His Kingdom.

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV) And **they devoted themselves** to the apostles ’teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And **awe** came upon every soul, and **many wonders and signs** were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were **together** and **had all things in common**. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and **distributing the proceeds to all**, as any had need. And **day by day**, **attending the temple together** and **breaking bread in their homes**, they received their food with **glad and generous hearts**, **praising God** and **having favor** with all the people. And **the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved**.

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| 1. Wonder | 6. Small Group Hospitality |
| 2. Many Miracles | 7. Glad and Generous Hearts |
| 3. Unity | 8. Praise and Worship |
| 4. Extravagant Generosity | 9. Favor |
| 5. Consistent Corporate Gatherings | 10. Church growth |

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