

## October 1, 2023 "Make Disciples" Chris Santasiere csantasiere@fairmountcc.org

Jesus has given the church a mission: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, 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)

Disciples of Jesus make more disciples of Jesus.

A disciple of Jesus ...

## I. Hungers to know Jesus.

"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him ... I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:8, 9, 10-11)

## II. Sacrifices to follow Jesus.

"Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" (Luke 9:23)

## III. Works to proclaim Jesus.

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." (Acts 20:24)

A real **<u>purpose</u>** in life gives people real <u>hope</u>.