



God has called the church to make **disciples**. Jesus himself defines being a Christian as being a disciple – systematically and progressively rearranging the affairs of our lives to **be like** Him.

There are parts of being and growing as a disciple that can only be accomplished in partnership with the local **church** and so that is what we as Fairway must be about.

What makes a church ‘great’?

We have a tendency to define what makes a church great based on how it meets my wants, my needs, my **opinions**.

If we don’t begin to define church success on **God’s criteria** instead of ours, we run the risk of spending the rest of our lives Sunday after Sunday completely missing God’s heart.

A church is great – is leading people to do life in Christ together – when in **words** and in **works** Jesus Christ is the first priority of the church.

What makes that great is because God’s manifest **presence** shows up where Jesus is worshipped.

What is ‘revival’?

- The **overwhelming** sense of God’s presence on a people

Revelation 2:1-5

Jesus told the church at Ephesus, that if He was not the **most** important thing in their church’s life, He was going to **remove** His presence from their church.

What makes a church great is the **presence** of God.

Worshipping Jesus is how we **maintain** Jesus as the priority.

A church that fits God’s blueprint – that is able to make disciples – is a church that **worships Jesus**.

We worship Jesus primarily because there is none **greater** than Him.

We worship Jesus **primarily** because He is great and only secondly for what He has done.

Psalm 95:1-3

Because the greatness of Jesus never **changes**, no matter what is going on in our lives, we **can** and we must still worship Him.

We can’t **follow** what we aren’t focused on; which is why we are hardwired to focus on and pursue that which is **great**. because there is none greater than our God!

Worship that marks the life of a disciple and worship that defines a great church is worship that is our **response** to who God is and what He has done expressed in and by the words we say and the way we live.

Psalm 95:1-8

Everything else in the process of life in Christ, the process of discipleship, hinges on this first step of worshipping Jesus.

Could Jesus be saying to you “I’m not the **priority** of your life anymore”?

Where have you substituted something that is **less than great** as the object of your worship?

If worship is our response to Jesus, how does your attitude, your level of **participation** vs. observation, how do your thoughts and words and actions in the **corporate** gatherings of this church show your response to Jesus?

In order for this church to make disciples, we must **worship Jesus** together.