



# The Great Omission

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The answer is “*growth without depth.*” None of us wants to dispute the extraordinary growth of the church. But it has been largely numerical and statistical growth. *There has not been sufficient growth in discipleship that is comparable to the growth in numbers.*

Then What?  
So What?  
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Those who accepted his message were baptized, and *about three thousand were added to their number that day.* They devoted themselves to the apostles’ *teaching* and to the *fellowship*, to the *breaking of bread* and to *prayer.*

**Acts 2:41-42**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs *but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.* Do not work for food that spoils, but *for food that endures to eternal life*, which the Son of Man will give you.

**John 6:25-27**

“Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “*unless someone explains it to me?*” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

**Acts 8:30-31**

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

**1 Corinthians 13:11**

... become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, *tossed back and forth by the waves*, and *blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.* Instead, speaking the truth in love, *we will in ALL THINGS grow up* into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

**Ephesians 4:13-15**

Stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

**1 Corinthians 14:20**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

No moral compass. Many evangelicals behave like unbelievers.

## **MEXICO**

Many pastors often prefer that the members of their church family stay as spiritual infants so they can be in control of everything.

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

Thousands of people attend church, but there is very little evidence of life change.

## **UKRAINE**

The un-discipled pray to the icons of the saints designated by the Orthodox Church.

## **NEPAL**

Many un-discipled Christians in Nepal and surrounding countries practice tribal-bound beliefs and practice mainly on festivals.

## **CARIBBEAN**

There is a significant number of un-discipled "Christians" who continue to consult with witchcraft.

## **JORDAN**

Younger people are completely lost because they don't have mentors to invest in them.

## **IRAQ**

In Baghdad alone, the once thriving community of 750,000 Christians has now been reduced by 90%. Over 30% of churches across Iraq have now closed. In one of the oldest Christian communities in the Middle East, those who live in the region now see in Iraq a very 'young' church with many un-discipled Christians.

## **UNITED STATES**

Consumerism has become the norm and multiplication has become rare. Our churches are over-programmed and under-disciplined.

## **WESTERN EUROPE**

The result of the absence of discipleship: there is no clear line what is pure and what is profane. Many countries are seeing less than 5% Christians.

## **RWANDA**

The missionaries reached our land in 1900. Until 1994 Rwanda was considered 90% Christians. How can a country of 8M people 90% who were believers in Christ do what we did: civil war, genocide, hundreds of thousands murdered, rampant raping of women, etc.?

It was Christ who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, *to equip God's people* for the work of ministry, *so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

**Ephesians 4:11-12**