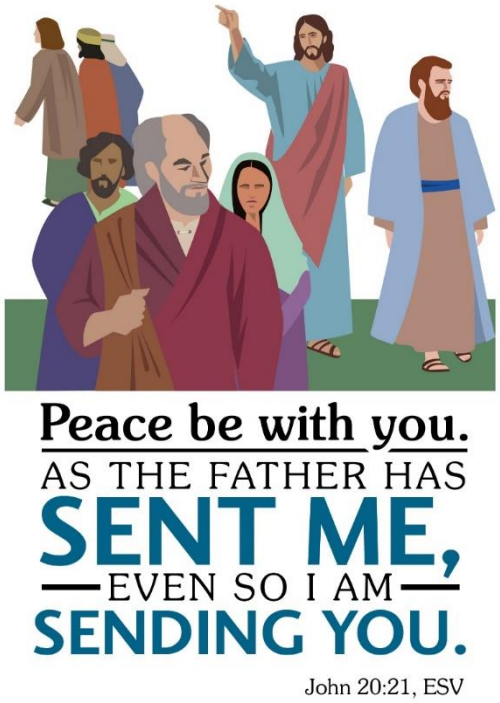
Epiphany: February 24 –
Title: Problem 1: Our Priority
Text: Matt 4:18-20, 28:18-20

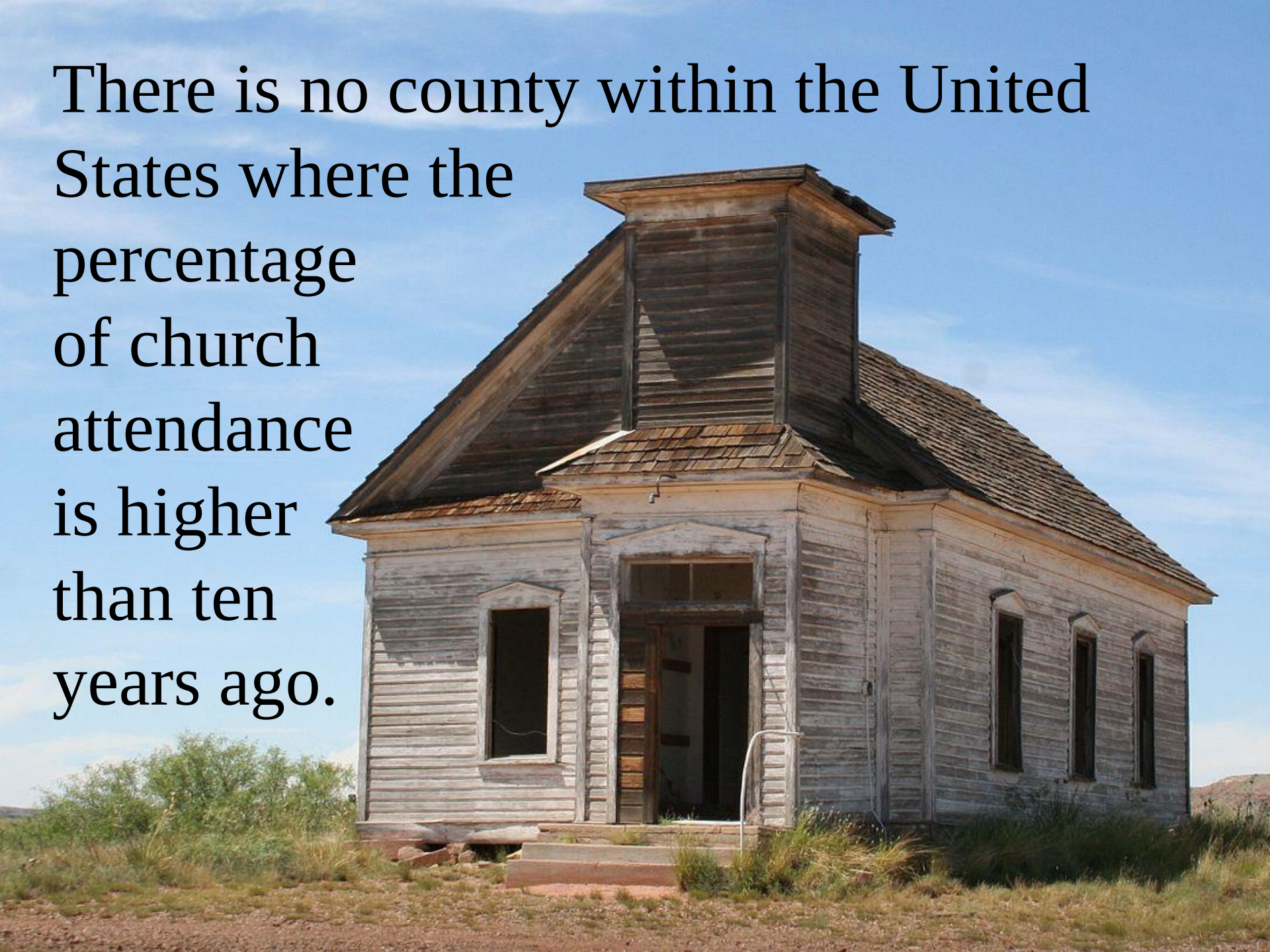
VISION: We are a functional family of God, where Jesus is Lord and people grow.

MISSION: Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional. *(¶126 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)*

There are two kinds of people in this world: people who need to become disciples and disciples who need to become disciple makers.



There is no county within the United States where the percentage of church attendance is higher than ten years ago.



City Methodist Church, Gary, Indiana

1926-1975 – once the largest church in the Midwest

Make disciples for the transformation of the world
76,008
496,005

The chaos of many priorities.

The hypocrisy of not focusing.

If people attend worship long enough, they will eventually become disciples.

Who would know the best way to make disciples?

Matt 4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, ***"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*** 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matt 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 ***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, 20
teaching them to observe all
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and lo, I am with
you always, to the
close of the age."

The Great Commission Cycle

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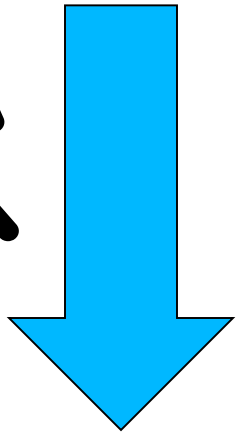

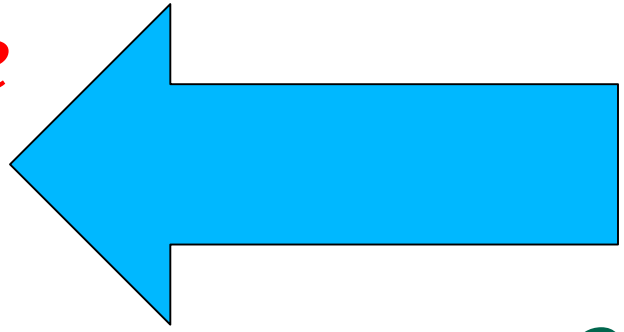

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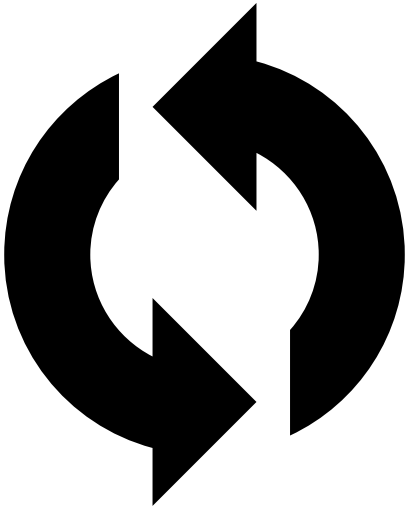

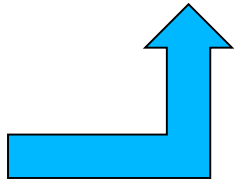

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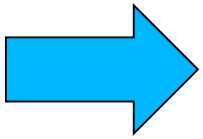
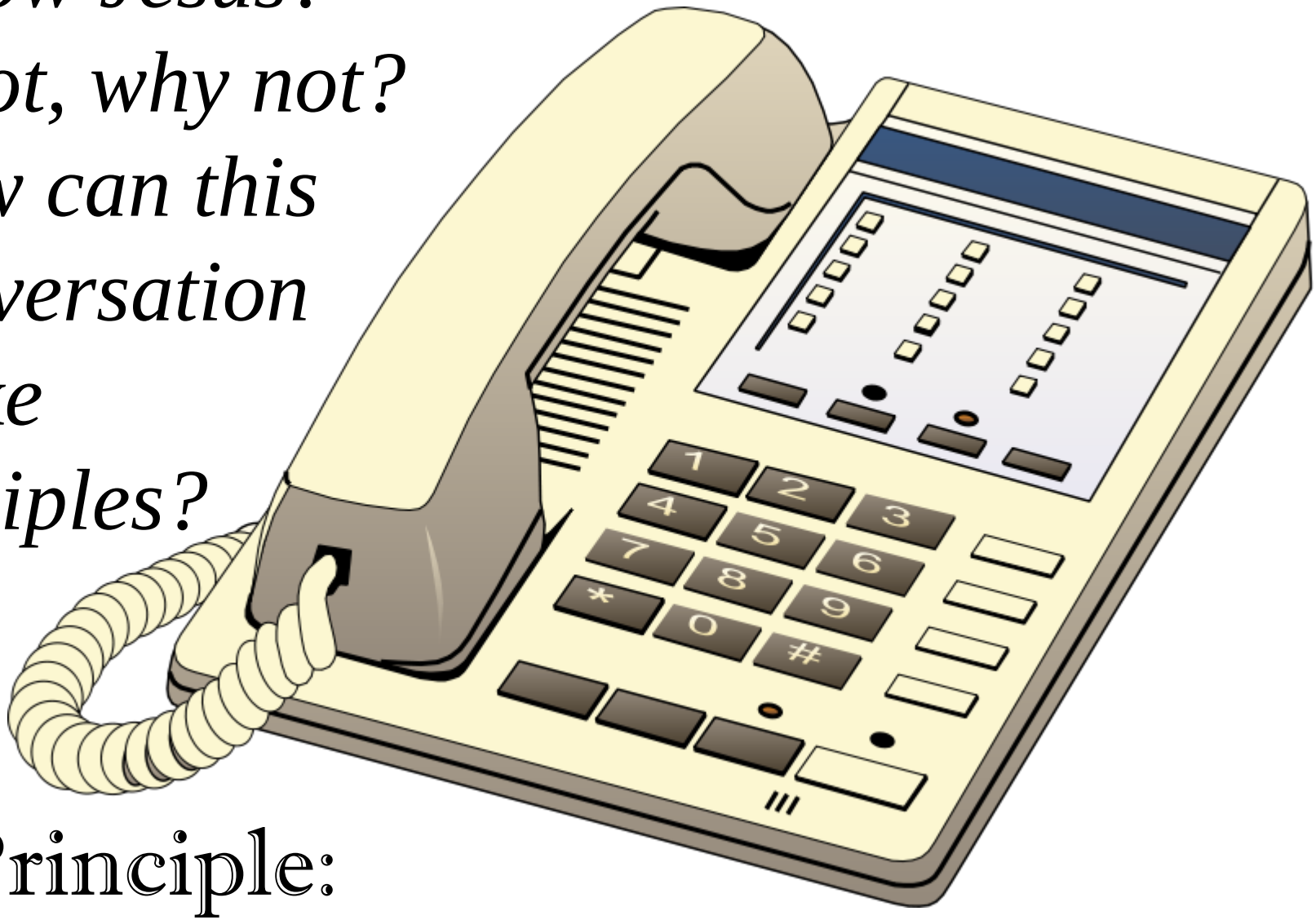


baptizing them

Will someone come to experience the grace of God through what I am about to do?

Priority:

Will this next thing I do help someone to follow Jesus?
If not, why not?
How can this conversation make disciples?



Principle:

The Great Commission

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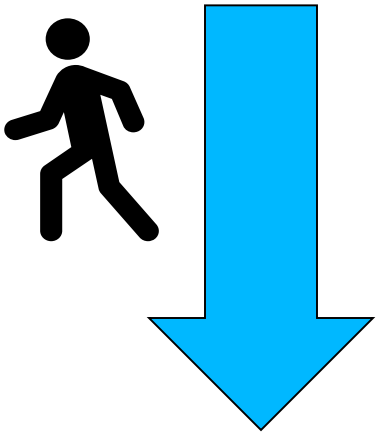

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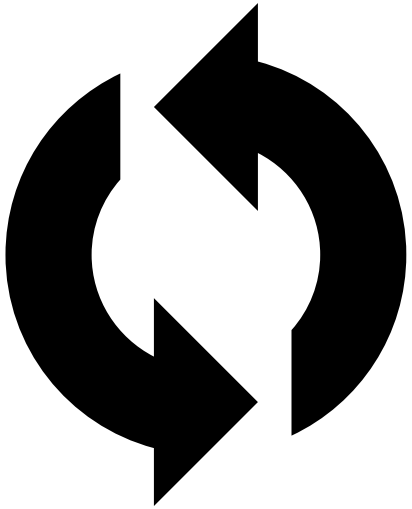

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