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SESSION #1 - "Why We Do What We Do"

Building A Gospel Centred Vision For Home Education

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The Great Commission. Matthew 28:16-20...

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- **THE GREAT COMMISSION, IS CHRIST'S COMMAND TO ALL OF HIS FOLLOWERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES, BY BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND BY TEACHING NEW CONVERTS EVERYTHING GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT CHRIST & HIS KINGDOM.**

- **Is the Great Commission the primary reason why we do, what we do?**

[Rom 1:16 NKJV] 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

[Rom 1:17 NKJV] 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

[Mat 7:19-23 NKJV] 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' (have we not been through some of the best material on character building, and listened to only the best composers? Have we not worn modest clothes and memorised more Bible verses than our friends?) 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

[Mat 7:24-27 NKJV] 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

- **Christian parents who home educate their children, should do so because they believe it is the most effective way for their children to be saved and discipled, not because they believe it is the most effective way for their children to be educated.**
- **This is a gospel-centred vision for home education.**
- **Family discipleship is not just about keeping the world out – it’s about bringing Christ in!**
- **The most common earthly pursuits in life.**
 1. **THE PURSUIT OF PLEASURE** (Ecclesiastes 2:1-3)
 2. **THE PURSUIT OF ACQUIRING POSSESSIONS** (Ecclesiastes 2:4-8)
 3. **THE PURSUIT OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS** (Ecclesiastes 2:9-11)
 4. **THE PURSUIT OF HUMAN WISDOM** (Ecclesiastes 2:12-17)
 5. **THE PURSUIT OF HARD LABOUR** (Ecclesiastes 2:18-23, 6:7-8)
 6. **THE PURSUIT OF FAME & POPULARITY** (Ecclesiastes 4:16)
 7. **THE PURSUIT OF WEALTH** (Ecclesiastes 5:8-10, 6:1-2)
- **Some of the main priorities we see in the life of believers as we look to Scripture**

[Mat 16:26 NKJV] 26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

1. **PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD**
2. **FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**
3. **WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP**
4. **SERVING & PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, AND THE BODY OF CHRIST**
5. **EVANGELISM**