The Danger of Complacency

“And he said to them, “The harvest is great and the workers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send workers to his harvest.”

Luke 10:2

The numbers are in. For the past 10 years, as the number of “unchurched” people in America has grown to its highest levels, membership within the churches of Christ has not kept pace with that growth and, in many cases, within many of our congregations, it has stalled or declined. Has the Lord’s church forgotten about Christ’s command in Matthew 28:19-20 to make disciples? What’s going on? Well, consider this, when is the last time YOU made a disciple? When is the last time someone was baptized as a result of your efforts to save them?

So, what’s your excuse? What reason do we, as a Christians, have to justify going day after day, month after month and year after year without sharing the gospel with the lost around us and making disciples? I believe the answer is simple. Too many followers of Christ have just become complacent when it comes to making disciples. Many have become self-satisfied and are unaware or unconcerned about the fact that sin, heaven and hell are real and where people will spend eternity depends on whether we, as God’s people, teach them the gospel of Christ. Members of the church have become “ok” with just “going to church” every Sunday and going through the motions of being a member of the church rather than being the church and carrying out the work we’ve been called to do. They have no burning desire to see souls saved or new disciples made. Does this describe you?

The only way to overcome complacency is to remind ourselves of what is at stake and the consequences of doing nothing. Imagine if a member of the church, a disciple, had not introduced you to Christ and helped you to be saved. Right now, you would be still in your sins, separated from God and on your way to hell. Is that what you want to happen to those around you who are unsaved? If you truly care about the lost, show it by building relationships that allow you to share the gospel with them. It’s time for us, every member of the church, to wake up, shake off our complacency and be about our Father’s business. Where are the workers for Jesus who don’t just go to church but are the church? That’s what Christ is looking for and what the church must pray for. If we are the church of Christ, let’s follow Christ’s example and get serious about making disciples. We don’t have much time.