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Making and Growing Followers of Jesus

A couple weeks ago, a friend introduced me to one of his new buddies and asked if we could get together sometime. His friend, who has a vision to build a Christian trade school in Ligonier, was eager for my input and suggestions. We agreed to meet at MLEPC and walk uptown for lunch and conversation.

At lunch I learned he had lived several years in York, England. I grinned and asked him if our church looked a little familiar. His face broke into a broad smile, knowing full well that our building, constructed in the 1920s, was modeled after York Minster Cathedral in the UK. "In fact, I'll tell you a little story about that church's construction you probably don't already know."

He told me York Minster's construction began in 1220 (700 years before our own) and was completed and consecrated in 1472. Yes, it took about 250 years to build the church. That's as long as our own country has been in existence, or so I have been hearing. 😊 That means that the stonemasons who began the project could not expect their great-great-great grandchildren to be able to worship in the church. The work they were dedicating to God was an act of faith that one day God would use their investment in the building to advance Christ's Kingdom. In this day of instant results and instant gratification, it's almost incomprehensible that people trusted God to bring to completion a work they were just beginning. I guess His ways are not our ways.

Jesus tells Peter in Matthew 16, "I will build my church." He wasn't talking about a building, per se, but creating for Himself a body of believers aligning themselves with Him and slowly but surely redeeming this crazy, dark, fallen, broken planet. He wants to use stone masons like us.

Join us this Sunday for a sermon entitled "Disciples Making Disciples" to find out more about this plan and how you and I fit into it. Be prepared to be challenged and comforted. Be prepared to think about church in a different paradigm. Come and learn what God's plans are for you between now and heaven. And bring your stone-chipping tools with you.

Blessings,
Bob

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