

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
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**On This We Stand:**  
**The Values And Mission Of Battleground Community Church**  
**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Introduction**

- Do I have gospel rhythm?
- What does gospel rhythm produce?

**The Mandate Of The Great Commission - (v.19)**

- The indicative: God-given identity brings God-given authority - **1 Peter 3:22; Ephesians 1:20-22; 2:4-10**
- The Imperative: Make followers of Christ
- But how?
  - Go to an intersection - **Acts 17:1-3, 16-17**
  - Baptize them - **v. 19**

*“Baptism is a church’s act of affirming and portraying a believer’s union with Christ by immersing him or her in water, and a believer’s act of publicly committing him or herself to Christ and his people, thereby uniting a believer to the church and marking off him or her from the world.”*

- Jonathan Leeman, *Understanding Baptism*

- Teach them - **v. 20**
  - Our content: One Book
  - Our process: Spiritually Dead - Spiritual Infant - Spiritual Child - Spiritual Parent
  - Our responsibility: You teach them!
  - Our promise: I am with you! - **Luke 24:44-49; Matthew 16:13-19**

**The Mission Of Maturity Into Christlikeness - (Colossians 1:28; Ephesians 4:11-16)**

- The goal: Maturity - **Colossians 1:28**
- The standard: Christ - **Ephesians 4:11-16**
- The strategy: Where do we start?

## So What?

- What do people need to grow?
    - To be known - to be loved - to be challenged
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## Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)

- Over the last two weeks, we have discussed gospel rhythm. What is involved in developing a gospel rhythm?
- Read **Acts 17:16-34**. Describe Paul's "rhythm" of life and ministry as he traveled.
- Did Paul approach Jews and non-Jews the same way? What can we learn about how to engage those who do not believe as we do?
- Read **Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:28; Galatians 5:16-26**. How can we help others grow into Christlike maturity?