**LAW #5 - YOU MUST RESET YOUR SCORECARD   
FOR SUCCESS**

The classic measure in the US and Europe of a church’s health has been three things:

Attendance on Sundays

Baptism numbers, and

Collection size.

These ABCs are valid things to count, but it is a mistake to view them as the ultimate yardstick of success.

If I asked you, ‘What business are you in as a church and as a Jesus follower?’ then

hopefully your answer would be something to do with going and making disciples

(Matthew 28:19).

As we ponder the nature of success as a church,

* We need to ensure that our personal and corporate scorecard is built around this disciple-making goal that Jesus has given to us
* We should recall that success as Biblical Christians means that we are making disciple-making disciples of Jesus
* And whilst discipleship maturity is more qualitative than qualitative, there are things that we can measure

These might include certain practices that we are taking on together, which are set up in such a way that every individual can create personal goals for growth in the context of what everyone else is doing.

For instance:

* What am I learning from Jesus as I read the Bible and worship?
* How many people outside of my household am I eating with this week?
* When did I last offer, ‘Can I pray for you?’

There are many similar metrics that you could write for your context. However, underneath those specifics is one overarching measure, which I would suggest is:

**How many people do we have in disciple-making relationships?**

What is interesting about this metric is that it might include some people who would never have made it onto the ABCs, and could exclude some who are covered by it!

But if we believe that…

* Our primary calling is to make disciple-making disciples of Jesus
* Discipleship is more about than imitation than it is about information
* Apprenticeship rather than the classroom is a far better picture of discipleship

…then we need to rethink what we are measuring, what we are most celebrating, and what we are focusing on for our future growth and goals.

**APPLY THE LAW:**

What is most celebrated as Kingdom success in your church?

What is most celebrated as Kingdom success in your household?