

Staying on Course

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I. Introduction. It is easy to lose sight of our point of reference because there are so many things competing for our interest.

II. Things that blow a church off course.

- A. New causes.
- B. Special emphases.
- C. Failure in moral leadership.
- D. Change.
- E. A lack of leadership.

III. The results.

- A. Men and women begin working in the flesh instead of the Spirit because these tasks are not tasks that require working in the Spirit.
- B. There is a spirit of discontentment.
- C. The church loses sight of its purpose and becomes self-destructive.

IV. The main thing must be the main thing. (Matthew 28:19-20)

- A. The only command in this text is to make disciples.
- B. Our main tasks are to make sure that people are making disciples.

Application questions:

1. What are some periphery things that your church tends to focus on?

2. Why is discipleship central to the mission of the church?

3. Memorize Matthew 28:19-20 and write it below. How can this verse help you to remember to keep your focus on discipleship?
