

"... The Church and the Cycles of Life!"
(Colossians 1:28-29; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

I. Introduction:

A. Good to Great (Jim Collins)

- The Overview: Good is the Enemy of Great
- The Flywheel ...
- The Egg ...
- The Amazon.com Flywheel

B. Good to Great in God's Eyes (Chip Ingram)

- The Overview: Ten Practices Great Christians have in Common
- The Breakthrough ...

C. Good to Great as a Church

- A Clear Vision – Biblical
- A Consistent Flywheel – Logical
- A Common Mission – Practical

II. Exposition: The Church and the Cycles of Life!

A. The Commands of Scripture

1. The Great Commission
 - Matthew 28:18-20 – Make Disciples
 - **Going** – Bring people into a right relationship with the Person of God
 - **Baptizing** – Bring people into a right relationship with the people of God
 - **Teaching** – Bring people into a right relationship with the precepts of God
2. The Great Commandment
 - Mark 12:28-31
 - Romans 13:8-10
3. The Great Charge/Mandate
 - Genesis 1:28; 9:1-2, 7

B. The Cycles of Church Life

1. **Evangelize** the lost
 - Mark 16:15-16
 - Luke 24:44-48
2. **Assimilate** the evangelized
 - Acts 2:41-48
 - Acts 4:4
3. **Disciple** the assimilated
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - Colossians 1:28-29
4. **Send out** the disciplined
 - Acts 1:8
 - Romans 15:20-25

III. Conclusion: Just keep pushing ...

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Do you believe that **you** can go from good to great? Why or why not? Do you believe **your family** can go from good to great? Why or why not? Do you believe **the church** can go from good to great? Why or why not?
3. Three great commands were presented in the message. What can **you** do to keep those a priority in your life? What can **we** do to keep them a priority in the church?
4. Look back and think through the cycles of Church Life. Where are we strong as a body? Where can we improve? What is **your part** in this?
5. What stuck out to you from the conclusion and why?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)