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What Are Churches Made Of?
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On a mission trip to China several years ago, I saw something I'd never seen before. A man was mixing sand, clay, and straw together, using the mixture to form into bricks, and then laying them in the sun to cure. I'd never felt so spoiled. When I want to build a structure, I go to a building supply store and buy bricks. I'd never considered making the bricks first.

If you ask most VBS kids what churches are made of, they would probably say "wood" or "bricks." In His great commission, Jesus tells us how to build the church: "go and make disciples." Too often, we take shortcuts, and we are satisfied with just receiving "pre-made" Christians into our churches, but neglecting to do the hard work of going and making disciples of Christ from the people in our spheres of influence that God has entrusted to us. We are called to speak the truth in love to our neighbors. This is how we begin to build one another, so that we can all be transformed from raw materials into Christ's Church.



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