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The Main Thing

In his book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen Covey writes: "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." Many people have quoted him over the years, from management gurus to motivational speakers to professional basketball players. Covey's quote crystallizes his thoughts on focusing on what he calls "the main thing." What one thing in your personal life would you characterize as "the main thing"? Faith? Friends? Family? Food? (Okay, maybe not that last one.) What if you had to pick just one of these? What one thing in your Christian life would you characterize as "the main thing"? Perhaps your answer might reflect the Westminster Confession, which says, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." Another answer might be what Jesus said he came to do. Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. Others might say our main thing is love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength... and to love your neighbor as yourself. Christians have come to call this the Great Commandment, which should certainly influence our spiritual walk. These are all worthwhile causes. It's hard to argue against glorifying God, loving God and serving others. But if that's what we, as individual Christians, call the main thing, then what is "the main thing" for the Church? As Rick Warren, author of *Purpose-Driven Church*, writes: "A great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will build a great church!" He argues that something drives every church. Why not let the driving force in our church be what Jesus says is the main thing? "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Focusing on what Jesus says we are to be about, and keeping that the main thing, is essential in our world of distraction and ever-shortening news cycles. I have a sneaking suspicion it will be more and more critical for us to keep the main thing the main thing in the coming days, weeks, months, and years. Let's not take our eyes off the prize now!