

Disciple-Makers – Master Class

"FOLLOW ME: The Disciple-Making Process"

[Homework – Video 1]

Why are you here? Why are Christians here? _____

 _____.

What is a commission: A command; a duty given to a person or group of people.

The "great" commission is last thing our Lord Jesus gave to His disciples in Matthew 28.

- **The Great Commission:** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..." [Matthew 28:19-20a]
- In short, to **"MAKE DISCIPLES."**
- Not just to fish for people, but to make _____ of People.
 - To make "_____ of _____ of People"
- Yes, the command is to *church leaders* → but also a command to *all Christians*. It was the *last command* of Christ Jesus to **ALL** of His followers.
- After you've had a new born babe, now what? It's simple. You
 - Care for them
 - Feed them
 - Lead them
 - Grow them

Discipleship Goal: To *mature* men and women into followers of Jesus Christ and to *model* it before them.

But in discipleship, one has to be:

- Aware
- Willing
- Taught

DISCIPLE: _____.

DISCIPLESHIP: Doing life together.

Matthew 28:19 – "Go therefore and make DISCIPLES of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

- God starts with the _____ in mind.
- In Christendom, a disciple is another name for a: Believer in Christ, Saint and Christian.

What did JESUS say when He called His Apostles at the START? [Mark 1:17]

- _____
- So, what does it mean to be a disciple??? To _____!
- What is a true FOLLOWER: One who studies, _____, and models the beliefs, sayings and _____ of another. –DFM
- So, are you a *follower of what you've learned*?

EVERYONE is a follower. The question is "**Who are you F O L L O W I N G?**"

- But if you're not "following" you're _____.
- Jesus said that if the blind lead the blind, they both will fall into the ditch (Mat 15:14; Luk 6:39)

So, two questions:

1) Who are YOU FOLLOWING?

- a. Are you a true follower of Jesus Christ...a follower of what you've learned?

2) Who is FOLLOWING YOU???

- a. Are you discipling them in Jesus Christ?
b. How do I disciple another believer in Christ? Good question.

As usual, our Lord Jesus showed us the way.

_____ : ← Guiding Principle

Jesus **LOOKED** for disciples. [Mark 1:16-17] *[influenced by Robert Coleman]*

- He went looking for those He could pour into; You've got to go to where the fish are (where the men are brothers; where the women are sisters)
- He was intentional in passing it on to a small group; the more concentrated the number, the greater the effect
- He started with the end in mind
- We've got to graduate from getting to giving
- "Followers" WERE HIS METHOD of winning the world
- Those WILLING TO LEARN, were TEACHABLE, and had receptive hearts
- With this strategy, the multitudes can be won easily if they are just given leaders to follow

➤ MEET INTENTIONALLY:

- A disciple has to be found faithful; "participate faithfully"
- With the objective to grow and mature them in Christ

➤ DISCIPLESHIP **GOAL**: To mature men and women into followers of Christ AND to model it before them.

➤ Discipleship **Vision**: DREAM SMALL ---> Disciple ONE (make ONE Christ-follower), and you'll end up making many.

➤ In Discipleship, one has to be: Aware, Willing, Taught

➤ DISCIPLESHIP **COMMITMENT**:

--> You must get your disciples to commit to LEAVING those things and/or people (*their nets*) that would prevent or hinder their new commitment to **following** Christ, because discipleship **COSTS**. [Mark 1:17-18]

- 1) **ADMIT** where you are currently in Christ [Starting Point -- babe, immature, wandering, coming back, growing]
- 2) **PROFESS** where you need to be [Maturity -- Spiritual Growth & Intimacy Destination]
- 3) **BE WILLING** to learn how to get there [Spiritual Growth Journey]
- 4) **COMMIT** to doing what it takes to get there --> 9-12 Month Commitment
- 5) **ACCOUNTABILITY** to you as their spiritual leader – they give you spiritual leadership in their lives and will allow you to correct them and lead them

If they are not willing to DO all 5 [leave their nets], they are NOT READY to be fully discipled and you should not move forward with them in a program that takes commitment.

Here is the goal for **Disciple-Maker** in here. To be able to say like Paul: "**Follow me, as I follow Christ...**"

- a) "Be FOLLOWERS / _____ of me, just as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)
- b) "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." (Phi 4:9)

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Jesus **STAYED** with His disciples. [Jesus appointed 12 who He named Apostles, to be **with Him**, to send them out as messengers / representatives / to proclaim... Mark 3:14a]

- Jesus **SPENT TIME** with His disciples [Mark 3:14a; Luke 5:11]
 - He went looking for those He could pour into; those
 - The key agent of discipleship is _____

In the Church, we have very few disciples today, but lots of converts! What does that mean?

- Trick question: Which is better, to give a poor person fish or to teach them how to fish??
 - BOTH, for you must **FIRST** give them fish to eat and **LIVE**, then teach them how to fish and **THRIVE!**
 - A disciple is a **THRIVING spiritual convert!**
 - To **feed is quick**, but to teach **how to fish** (feed yourself) **takes TIME!**

Remember the Great Commission: Matt 28:19 (Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,)

- Go out and save/convert people? No.
- But go MAKE DISCIPLES!
- Why...what's the difference?
- God **starts with the END IN MIND**

So, what is a DISCIPLE? Learner; imitator; follower. [New testament references it as -- Believer in Christ, Saint, brother/sister in Christ]

- **What did JESUS say when He called His Apostles at the START?** --> **FOLLOW ME**
 - "And Jesus said unto them, FOLLOW ME, and I will make you become fishers of men (disciples)." (Mark 1:17)
 - So, what does it mean to be a disciple???
- **EVERYONE is a follower. The question is WHO are you a follower of?**
 - Are you a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ?
 - But if you're not "following" you're "WANDERING!"
 - Jesus said that if the blind lead the blind, they both will fall into the ditch (Mat 15:14; Luk 6:39)
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CHRISTIANITY has two sides: EVANGELISM and DISCIPLESHIP

- Evangelism: Heads → Discipleship: Tails
- Evangelism: Reaching → Discipleship: Teaching
- Evangelism: Spiritual Birth → Discipleship: Spiritual Growth
- Evangelism: Conversion → Discipleship: Transformation
- Evangelism: Life → Discipleship: Abundant (thriving) life

You cannot have one without the other!

- A true DISCIPLE _____ . (GO...all nations)
- One who has been EVANGELIZED is _____ . (make disciples)
- You cannot have one without the other!

OCC's Strategy:

- 1) **Redeeming souls** [salvation]
- 2) **Rebuilding lives** [_____]
- 3) **Reshaping communities** [salt, light, fruit]
- 4) **Reproducing influencers** [disciple-makers]
- 5) **Reaching the world** digitally [_____]

A Sanctification Model

Negative Feelings



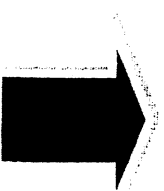
Wrong Choices



Wrong Thinking



Biblical Feeling



Biblical Choices



Biblical Thinking

Becoming TRUE FOLLOWERS of Jesus Christ...

- Your Spiritual Journey as a **follower of Jesus Christ** began the moment you admitted personal sin and placed your trust in Christ as Savior and Lord. From that point, until death or the return of Christ, your life's call is to **GROW in Christ-likeness**.

- To assess Spiritual Growth, one must asks:

- **Where am I?**
- **Where should I be?**
- **How do I get there?**
- **Am I willing to do what it takes?**

- **KEYS to Spiritual Growth are:**

- 1) Begin immediately!
- 2) Realize that it is either spiritual growth or spiritual atrophy, and that there is no in-between. You are either **GROWING STRONGER** or **DECLINING** in spiritual maturity.
- 3) The more steps you take, the more progress you make.

Spiritual Maturity - is a journey in becoming imitators of Christ...

When a Bible sermon is taught during a weekend service, for many, the **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** begins.

But **LASTING DISCIPLESHIP** must go far beyond that.

A holistic approach is needed in order to move into and maintain a **GROWING RELATIONSHIP** with **Jesus Christ**, and **"DISCIPLESHIP"** is a key part.



Six Vital Relationships

