

Disciple-Makers – Master Class

"FOLLOW ME: The Disciple-Making Process"

[Homework – Video 4]

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Jesus made the disciples **ACCOUNTABLE**. [*you give them something to eat...(Mark 6:37a)...why could we not cast him out?...(Mark 9:17-29)*]

- What would life be, without **O V E R S I G H T ? ? ?**
- Jesus kept **check** on them.
- He gave **real-time feedback** – He continuously reviewed and gave them application to their lives.
- He **reinforced** spiritual principles.
- Christ's lesson – not to be satisfied with the first fruits of those who are sent out to witness but to **bring them to MATURITY**. It is crucial that those engaging in the work of evangelism have personal supervision and guidance **until** such time as they are mature enough to carry on alone.
- We fail, not because we do not try to do something, but because we let our little efforts become an excuse for not doing more.
- The goal is world conquest. We have not been called to hold the fort, but to storm the heights
- Ultimately, the Lord has taught us to **RELY on His Supervision**: "and I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper / Counselor** who will be with you forever. He is the **Spirit of truth**...I will not leave as orphans; **I will come to you.**" (John 14:16-18)

DISCIPLESHIP:

- Multiplying your own life **INTO** the hearts of other men and women.
- Is a matter of profit and lost – to waste our lives or invest our lives.

DISCIPLE:

- One who reflects the values of Heaven in the decisions that have to be made on Earth.
- Believers who will **LEARN** from Christ and **LIVE** for Him.
- One who has a **LIVING, GROWING** walk with God.
- "A learner...one who is **ALWAYS LEARNING**...always learning the ways of God." (Charles Stanley)
- One who is living out Christianity in time and space.
- A person who is progressively learning to live all of life under the authority and rulership of Jesus Christ.

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Jesus expected **FRUITFULNESS**... [John 16:16; Matt 28:19]

- "You cannot be intimate and not reproduce. Intimacy brings reproduction." (Pastor Conway Edwards)
- Jesus expected them to **reproduce His likeness** in the World.
- **Disciples become like their leader.** What kind of leader are you?
- The mission is to "**MAKE DISCIPLES**" -- to grow other believers who are so committed they not only follow Christ, but also **lead others to follow His ways.**
- Only as disciples are made can the Great Commission really be fulfilled – to go to the ends of the earth.
- **DISCIPLES ARE GOD'S METHOD** – Simple 1-on-1, 1-on-3 or 1-on-5 discipling others is what we are called to do as Christians.

Unbelievers → **know** → **New Believers** → **love** → **Disciples** → **grow** → **Disciplers** → **share** → **Unbelievers**

A DISCIPLESHIP TEST: "What you've learned and received and heard **and seen** in me – these things, and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

DISCIPLESHIP: "Making disciples is the supernatural overflow of being a disciple." (David Platt)

Every disciple needs **3 types of relationships** in their life...a:

- **Paul** – who can **MENTOR** him and **challenge** him/her
- **Barnabas** – who can come **along side** and **encourage** him/her
- **Timothy** – someone that he/she can **pour** their life **into**

DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM COMPLETION

- 1) Enroll in Leadership College
 - 2) Take 'How to be Transformed into the Image of God' Class (Equipping Center)
 - 3) Go Make Disciples – Begin your own formal Discipleship Program, "DISCIPLING" other *men & women*
 - 4) Serve in ministry
 - 5) Stay connected to your original Discipleship Group and in the church's broader Disciple-Making group, meeting quarterly as a group in fellowship, encouraging and sharing with one another
- **What did JESUS say when He called His Apostles at the START?**
 - "And Jesus said unto them, **FOLLOW ME**, and I will make you become fishers of men (disciples)." (Mark 1:17)
 - **What did JESUS say to His Apostles at the MID-POINT?**
 - "if anyone desires to FOLLOW ME (come after Me), let him DENY self, CARRY your cross daily, and **FOLLOW ME**. (Mark 8:34)
 - **What did JESUS say at the END of His Earthly ministry?**
 - "And Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You **FOLLOW ME!**" (John 21:22)