

Making Disciples (adapted from the *MasterLife* series)

The Great Commission Matt 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power (*exousia*- _____) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach (*matheteuo*- _____) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The Great Commission means -Make _____

Why? How? Who?

- Because Jesus has authority to _____ this
- Go- -- requires _____ activity and unintentional activity
2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- Of _____ nations
- All believers should declare themselves believers through baptism.
 - In the name of the _____ God
- All believers should observe (_____) all of Jesus' commands.
 - They should, therefore be taught the _____ counsel of God. Acts 20: 27
- Jesus will always be with us to _____ us to fulfill this commission.

We make disciples:

- Because Jesus is Lord
- Because being disciplined and discipling others is the natural _____ of REAL faith
- Because people need the Lord- - the Master's _____ to reach the lost is making disciples

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is a _____, not an event

The primary focus of making disciples is leading others to become more _____ Christ.

Square ONE They must know Jesus and respond to Him in saving faith.

This is also a process that requires some of the following:

1. An _____ friendship that is offered sincerely in hope of evangelizing.
2. A clear (_____) communication of the _____ message
3. A demonstration of "Christian"
 - a. genuine love for others
 - b. patience
 - c. forgiveness
 - d. a genuine love for God
4. An " _____ " to believe (receive Christ as Lord)

Once the new disciple is Born of God- the Process continues

Disciple--- from “_____” means to allow our life and lifestyle to be changed in conformance with our teacher.

1. A discipler is a _____ of what others should become.

Jesus called 12 men to be with Him, follow Him and learn from Him. When someone follows Christ, the intention is to learn how to be as much like Christ as possible (inwardly).

As a discipler, our task always is to help others see and learn from our _____ with God. The Holy Spirit works in us to maintain a proper perspective on being a positive model for others.

2. A discipler _____ so that disciples can learn how to apply.

Frequently our actions run against the grain of what society considers acceptable. We must be willing to patiently explain why we reject non-Christian values and standards of behavior.

New Christians and those who want to become disciples need to understand what Jesus said and why our actions are important.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

3. A discipler is a _____ who coaches others to succeed.

Each of us needs someone to encourage and instruct in how to live the Christian life. A coach helps players understand how plays are to be executed in a game. Disciplers help others learn how to live the Christian life, sometimes spending time instructing during personal contact, and sometimes _____ the disciple up after the disciple has failed to "succeed" at some part of the Christian life.

4. A discipler _____ disciples in the growth process. Just as Barnabas was known to be an encourager and supporter, we too should be that kind of discipler. We need to discover ways to spend personal _____ with those we're discipling; getting to know them and helping them experience the blessing of Christian fellowship.

5. A discipler commissions disciples to live and serve as Christ's messenger to others. Disciplers should help those whom they disciple to know they have mastered the "skills" of the Christian life and that they in turn can become a discipler for others. We cannot read the New Testament without grasping clearly that our task is to learn so that we can teach others. We are to make disciples over and over again.

Evangelism alone is not the commission; after people are won, they should be baptized, which suggests a local church fellowship. They should also be taught, which suggests the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. Please keep in mind that our commission is not simply “to win souls.” It is to “make disciples”—which includes winning them, bringing them into a Christian fellowship, and building them up in the faith. While we thank God for every Christian ministry that is true to the Lord and His Word, whatever is done should be tied to the local church.