

Making “Converts” (church goers) or Making Disciples?

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost 20 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. Amen.

Converts can be mass-produced

Disciples are individually formed in a hands-on process

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1. Jesus personally made disciples (primary focus)

Mr 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Mark 3: 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach

2. Jesus lived LIFE before them (example is essential)

Served (with a pure servant's heart)

Gave of Himself

Demonstrated the priorities of discipleship (Father first)

Jesus taught them personally and as groups (1, 3, 12, 70, 500, thousands)

Jesus taught masses (in the presence of the twelve) and then personally tutored the twelve

3. Jesus trained the twelve (intentional training)

Constantly asking questions

Sent out two by two

Debriefed and corrected

Initiated disciplines in them

Praying, praying, praying

Learning and applying the Word

Teaching and serving others

4. Paul, a disciple of Jesus, led Timothy to be a disciple of Jesus, and taught Timothy to make disciples of Jesus who would make disciples of Jesus II Timothy 2:2

- God, Himself will make disciples if we will stand in for Him until they are connected to Him
- The “Great Commission” is to all “all things were made by Him and for Him”

The most important adventure of all- this is what you were born twice for
The greatest adventure of your life- unlimited potential, unlimited discovery

Books to read:

The Lost Commission- Rediscovering the Call to Make Disciples
-Joey Rodgers

The Watershed Principle (booklet)
-Scott Sullivan
(available from GA Bapt. Mission Board)

Disciples are Made not Born
-Walter Henrichson

The Master Plan for Evangelism
-Robert Coleman

Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples
-Francis Chan