

Be a Disciple

The Mission of a Disciple: Make Disciples

Jesus has commanded us to go and make disciples

-Therefore 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. – Matt 28:19-20

-He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." – Mark 16:15

-But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8

-He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." – Luke 24:46-48

- Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." – John 20:21

Why do you think Jesus said the same thing in so many different ways?

People need to hear the gospel

- Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.- Heb 9:27

-Read Luke 16:19-31 *what principles can we learn from this passage?*

- I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. - Romans 1:16

-How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"- Romans 10:14-15

-The average person needs to hear the gospel 7 times before they accept it.

Do we really believe that those who do not accept Christ will spend eternity separated from God? Does the way we live our lives show that we really care? How many people in your circle of friends do you think have a clear understanding of the gospel? Who's job do you think it is to share Jesus with them?

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few

-When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. - Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." – Matt 9:36-38

-Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" "And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" – Isaiah 6:8

Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful... what do you think he means by that? What is the biggest thing that is hindering you from becoming a worker in God's harvest field?

Four ways to "Make Disciples"

(We will go into how to do each of these in further lessons.)

1. Sharing your faith – "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." – Philemon 1:6

How does sharing Christ help you grow in your faith?

-“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” – Acts 4:20

What do you think should be our attitude when thinking about sharing Christ?

-“Come, Follow me” Jesus said. “And I will make you fishers of men.”- Matt 4:19

Why do you think that Jesus told his disciples about this mission as their first lesson in following him?

2. Personal Disciple-making -“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” -2 Tim 2:2 *Why is it so important to personally disciple people that we reach with the gospel? (Addition vs. multiplication Illustration)*

3. Teaming up with your local ministry and church-“I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” – Matt 16:18b *Why do you think it is so important to work with a local church and ministry to accomplish this mission? How could we do more working together with others?*

4. Going Global – “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” – Matt 24:14 “2.74 billion people live in unreached people groups.” *There are so many ways to be involved in God's global mission such as praying, giving, going, welcoming internationals, mobilizing others to be involved. Which way do you want to start doing more of to help reach the nations?*

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