

DISCIPLE MAKING

A PODCAST WITH DR. JOHN TOLSON

Episode 16: Models of Disciple-Making

One of my dear friends, John Gillespie is an amazing guy and a wonderful person, and he's got a lot to say to us in terms of disciple-making so I'm going to ask him a couple questions.

JT: John, as you think about Matthew 28 and Jesus' words in verse 19 "Go and make disciples" and I like to add on to that "make disciples who make disciples who make disciples," just what are some of the key things that fall into your thinking?

JG: The key thing to me is to be a reproducer, and that's where a lot of us fall short. Someone shares Christ with us, we become a Christian, we start our walk with Christ, but we don't ever lead someone else through the reproduction process. It's sharing with someone else that's important, and I know that because men disciplined me- not just mentored, but disciplined, truly led me through the word so that I would get it and then go on and reproduce.

JT: Yes. You can have somebody meet with you and pour their life into you and their faith into you and the Scripture into you, but if they don't do it in such a way that you're motivated and prepared and committed to then go reproduce that in someone else, then the disciple-making process has not been a complete cycle.

JG: That's right, and a lot of times if you don't do it, it just creates spiritual orphans.

JT: Yeah. So why are you personally involved in this whole making disciples who make disciples thing?

JG: Well, it's because it's mandated by Christ, and you either are going to be involved or you're not. I learned from a lot of great men and watched them and followed them and they were all reproducers. Plus, I found the mechanism in The Four Priorities, which makes it a lot easier for me to pour into the life of another man.

JT: How does this whole involvement you have with other guys in discipling them benefit you personally?

JG: Well, it makes my faith and my walk with the Lord more intimate, because you can't spend time and sew into another man without it affecting you. It's as much for me as it is for them.

JT: So how would you challenge the people reading in terms of making disciples who make disciples?

JG: Get in the game.

JT: Get in the game.

Well, let me ask you right now: Are you in the game? You think about that.

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