

DISCIPLE MAKING

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Episode 25: Disciple-Making Review

Let's review what we've been talking about over the last few chapters of disciple-making. We started out by looking at how many times the word "Christian" is used in the Bible. It's only mentioned three times (They were first called "Christians" in Antioch. You can read about that in the book of Acts).

The word "disciple" is used at least 269 times in the New Testament alone. If you do your due diligence and study the use of the word those 269 times and throw all that information about the word "disciple" in the top of a funnel, out of the bottom of the funnel will drop three things the word "disciple" means in the New Testament.

1. **A disciple is a learner.** As a person who follows Christ, we should never stop learning. How do you know if you've learned something? Biblically speaking, true learning only takes place when it changes how you live. If you just have the information but it's not changing how you live, if it's not helping you to become more like Christ (Romans 8:29), then you haven't learned it.
2. **A disciple is a follower.** It's someone who sticks to Jesus. He's the leader. We take our orders from him; he doesn't take his orders from us. What this implies is obedience. An individual who desires and commits to being obedient to Jesus.
3. **A disciple is a reproducer.** It's an individual who has come to know Christ, who's in an ongoing process of learning, an ongoing process of following Jesus and being obedient to him. This person then takes the assignment in Matthew 28 when Jesus said "Go therefore and make disciples who make disciples who make disciples" and invests his or her life into one or two people per year, building a faith foundation into their lives.

We highly recommend that you use The Four Priorities tool which is all based on Scripture. We all need a road map sometimes! Jesus does say in Matthew 28 "Go therefore and make disciples." Are you making disciples who are making disciples?

I believe with all my heart that if 25% of the people in each church would commit to making disciples who make disciples who make disciples for ten years, that this country would be transformed within ten years. If you are not making disciples who are making disciples who are making disciples, then you're simply not doing what Jesus said to do. We have to step up and get after it!

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