

DISCIPLE MAKING

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Episode 29: Call to Action (Series Finale)

In Matthew 28, Jesus gives a command. Not an option. A command. Not a suggestion. He says to the eleven disciples at the time and to all believers of all times: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” Make disciples of all nations. Remember the three main ideas behind being a disciple of Jesus:

1. **A disciple is a learner.** True learning, biblically speaking, only takes place when it changes how you live. Just because you have information about Scripture does not mean you are living the Scripture and doing what it says.
2. **A disciple is a follower.** It’s someone who sticks to Jesus like an adhesive. He’s the leader and a follower reports for duty every day to ask Him how to live and what to do.
3. **A disciple is a reproducer.** This is the part we have often neglected to understand and implement. A disciple is an individual that takes what Jesus has built into his or her life and deliberately, intentionally gives that to another person in such a way and with the intent that that person would do the same thing for others. When they move on to disciple others, the reproducing disciple also takes on a new person so that the ministry of multiplication takes full effect. Remember that multiplication is greater than addition. Jesus’ strategy was multiplication, in the form of disciple-making.

What does Jesus call us to do? Primarily, to love him. How do I know if I love Jesus? In John 14:15, Jesus said “if you love me, keep my commands.” In the Bible, one of the things he commands us is to go make disciples who make disciples who make disciples. That is to be part of our lifestyle, not just one of 50 things that we do as a Christian or a member of a church. It is to be *the* thing we do. That is God’s strategy to change the planet.

So here are a few things you can do to start acting on Jesus’ command and plan to change the world:

1. Have your pastor contact us so that we can start a conversation about how we might be able to help your church and others in your community to be equipped

and trained to be set loose as effective and reproducing disciple-makers. There are very few churches in America that are doing what we are talking about, and we want to help change that!

2. Pass this book along to others who know Christ and who would be ready and hungry and enthusiastic about becoming a disciple-maker.
3. Go find someone and start discipling! Take The Four Priorities based on Matthew 22 and find someone who is willing to be discipled and who will make a commitment to disciple others. I can tell you one thing for sure: It is life changing.

So here it is: Go therefore into all the world and make disciples who make disciples who make disciples. I pray that each of us for the rest of our lives would be willing to be obedient to what Jesus has asked us to do. Don't just think about that. **Do something about it!**

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