

**HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES
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When Jesus calls us to make disciples, He is calling us to do what He did. He began to call disciples as He began His public ministry (Mathew 4:17-22)

- Jesus had a closer, more personal relationship with His disciples than He did with the multitude.
- The multitude came to hear Him preach, the disciples walked with Him.

Three things Jesus did in His public ministry.

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As he ministered, Jesus saw four things about the multitudes.

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Jesus had a special relationship with his disciples

1. He called and chose the disciples personally (Matt 4:18-22, Luke 6:13, John 1:42-43)
2. He taught them on a deeper level (Matt 13:11)
3. He gave them power (authority) for ministry (Matthew 10:1)
4. He sent them out for specific ministry (Matthew 10:5)
5. He gave them special instructions for that ministry (Matthew 10:5 – 42)
6. He gave them authority to baptize (John 4: 1-2)
7. He called them to a deeper level of commitment (Matthews 16:24-27, John 6:60-69)
8. He gave them the keys to the kingdom (Matt 16:19)
9. He showed them His glory (Matt 17: 1-9)
10. He baptized them with His Holy Spirit (Acts 2)

A disciple is a Spirit Transformed follower of Jesus Christ

The purpose of this transformation was to equip them to follow Him that they might reach the multitudes.

We must intentionally bring our disciples into a transformational relationship and growing experience with Christ in order that they might learn to follow Him.

Five important ways of following Jesus

1. Following Jesus by knowing Him

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2. Following Jesus by being filled with the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the trinity
- The disciples of Jesus is learning to be led by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14)
- We can only follow Jesus as we walk in the Spirit.

3. Following Jesus by knowing and obeying the truth

- Jesus told the woman at the well that God was looking for those who would “worship Him in Spirit and truth” (John 4: 24, 8: 31 – 32)
- We can only follow Jesus as we walk in the light of truth
- Without truth we are in spiritual darkness, unable to see or know God (John 1:4-5, 17 -18)
- All sin is rooted in a lie – an untruth
- As people see and obey the truth they will have freedom from their sins.

4. Following Jesus by submitting to spiritual authority (Romans 13:1-7)

- Authorities are used by God to direct us, protect us, reveal his will to us, keep us from evil and teach us to live holy lives.
- Authorities are vehicles of God’s grace for us
- The disciples recognize the value of this authority and seek to maintain a proper relationship with them.

5. Following Jesus by mastering spiritual disciplines

- Spiritual disciplines are things we do regularly to grow in our relationship with Jesus
- The beginning disciplines are prayer, Bible study, giving, fasting and servicing.
- If we learn to do these disciplines well, we will grow in our relationship with the Lord, and will be able to more easily hear his voice and understand His will.

Workshop 2

Five marks of a true disciple of Christ

1. A disciples is Spirit – filled (Acts 2:38, Romans 8:9)
 - He has received the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9)

- He is walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)
 - He is led by the Spirit (Romans 8:14)
2. A disciple is obedient (John 14:21-24; Hebrews 5:8)
 - Obedience is the evidence of our faith in Christ (Luke 6:46)
 - Obedience is the proof of our love for Christ (John 14:23)
 - Obedience is the key to Christ's presence in us (John 14:23)
 3. A disciple is faithful (John 8:31-32, Hebrews 3:1-2)
 - Faithfulness is required (1 Corinthians 4:2)
 - Faithful is rewarded (Matthews 25:21)
 - Faithfulness is measured in small things (Luke 16: 10 – 13)
 - Faithfulness is the foundation of discipleship (2 Timothy 2:2)
 4. A disciples is loving (John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:19)
 - Love is commanded of disciples (John 15: 12 – 14)
 - Love is the outward mark of a true disciple (John 13:35)
 - Love is the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 3:13 -19)
 5. A disciple is reproducing (John 15:8, John 12:24,32)
 - Jesus is looking for His disciples to reproduce and bear fruit (John 15:4,8,16)
 - Reproducing is the essence (or key) to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18 – 20)

Organic discipleship: It is not a program, bible study, a class, a cell group, or a department of the church.

- It is a lifestyle of obedience and growing spiritual maturity characterized by a passionate love for Christ and others, a willingness to suffer in service, and a commitment to reach the lost.
- Organic discipleship is the fruit of our relationship with Christ and his followers
- One of the keys to marking disciples is intentionality.
- Discipleship must be done with a specific goal, strategy and resolve
- If we are not intentional about making disciples we will likely not do it
- This intentionality begins with a commitment to make the multiplication of disciples a priority
- This prioritization requires the dedication of time – hours and days in your weekly schedule
- Discipleship takes face to face time with your disciples.

Preparing to make disciples

1. Prayer – preparation always begin with prayer
 - a) Build up your own prayer life (personal prayer)

- Learn to meditate in and pray the scriptures
 - Find a “prayer warrior” and spend much time with Him, learning from Him
- b) Recruit intercessors to pray for you every day (intercessory prayer)
- Ask them to consider fasting for you at least one day each week.
 - Communicate with them the information they will need to affectively pray for you and your disciples.
2. Give yourself continually to the study of God’s word
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3. Be a disciple yourself
- Are you following the Lord Jesus?
 - Can you hear His voice speaking to your heart?
4. Develop the skills associated with being a good disciple – maker
- (i) Taking care of yourself
- (ii) Being accountable to someone
- (iii) Being faithful
- (iv) Flexibility
- (v) Being loving
- (vi) Praying for your disciple every day
- (vii) Being discerning – discernment is instinctively being able to see or know what is not obvious (1 Corinthians 12:10)
- Instinctively means to respond or behave in a way that is not premeditated or planned.
 - a) Ask the Holy Spirit to give you discernment
 - b) Do not answer or respond too quickly
 - c) Develop the habit of listening carefully
 - d) Fill your life with the word of God
 - e) Understand God’s way by knowing HIS character and purposes
 - f) Look for that which is not obvious – spirits, motives, agendas, fears and needs
 - g) Be sure to confirm every discernment or word with the word of God, and reliable witnesses or people in whom you have confidence (2 Corinthians 13:1)
 - h) Build a relationship with your disciple
 - i) Meet your disciple’s family
 - j) Keep good records, good records will help you in:
 - a. Keeping track of what you have assigned each disciple
 - b. Remembering important facts and dates.

- c. Your records can give you away to measure your disciples progress and growth
- d. And they also help you as you plan your disciplining appointments.
- e. Plan your time together
- f. Use spiritual growth task
- g. Listen – develop the skill of good listening
- h. Ask questions
- i. Learn the skill of coaching and mentoring
 - I. Listen actively
 - II. Celebrate wins
 - III. Care personally
 - IV. Strategic plans
 - V. Do skill training
 - VI. Develop character
 - VII. Challenge specifically
- j. Develop credibility
- k. Use discretion
- l. Keep it simple
- m. Build a prayer foundation
- n. Maintain confidentiality

Keys to quick(er) multiplication

1. Help your disciples to make their first disciples
2. Multiply sooner rather than later
3. Keep the passion level high
4. Reproduce and train your leaders
5. Avoid “classroom” discipleship
6. Ask God to bring to you the ones He has chosen
7. Keep your discipleship training relational
8. Keep your discipleship training simple
9. Avoid turning your small group meetings into “church” meetings
10. Do community “blessing” projects