



Making Disciples

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave His followers the mission for the church—

(Matthew 28:19–20) Jesus: “Go, therefore, and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Mark 16:15, 19-20) 15 Then he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 19 So the Lord Jesus, after speaking to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the accompanying signs.

(Acts 1:8-9) Jesus: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Making disciples who make disciples is the irrefutable biblical mission of the church.

Acts is the story of the early church on the move—taking the gospel to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the gospel, making disciples.

Before one can make disciples, one must be a disciple.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

At the very core, a **disciple** is:

- a learner who is set on growing and developing
- a follower who attaches himself to a leader

Jesus was not interested in growing a man a mile wide and an inch deep. Rather He focused on developing mature, faithful disciples who would go out and make more disciples.

WHAT IS DISCIPLE-MAKING?

Robby Gallaty, in *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples*, defines it this way: *Disciple-making is intentionally equipping believers with the Word of God through accountable relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Christ.*

In Acts we find several ESSENTIALS for making disciples.

1— Mobilization

Jesus said, "Go" (1:8) and the church went.

2— Communication

They proclaimed the gospel (2:14-36; 3:13-26; 4:2,8-12; 5:28)

They spoke with boldness (4:13,31,33)

Every believer is to participate in taking the gospel to others.

3— Transformation

It begins with regeneration (2:37-41,47; 4:4, 5:14, 9:42) and continues throughout life.

4— Devotion

The disciples devoted themselves to growing together in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2:42-47) by gathering together, praying together, learning together, fellowshiping together, and giving generously together.

5— Maturation

The goal is always to present mature disciples in Christ. (4:32, 9:31, 11:26, 20:20-32, Colossians 1:28, Galatians 4:19)

Disciple-making takes a long time.

"You can't microwave a disciple. It's a crock-pot recipe. But the results are worth the wait."

6— Multiplication

Disciples making disciples is how the early church grew and multiplied. (2:47, 11:19-26, 13:1-19:20)

WE MUST KNOW OUR PURPOSE.

WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO THE MISSION.

WE MUST PARTICIPATE—Be one. Make many.

Prayer Stations

WISDOM & GUIDANCE (James 1:5)

- site & floor plan completion
- architect - full set of drawings
- choosing a preschool partner
- choosing a general contractor
- city permitting process

PROVISION (Phil 4:19)

- stewardship of construction funds
- costs to stabilize
- additional costs - furniture, fixtures, equipment

LABORERS (Matthew 9:37-38)

- KidLife Team
- StudentLife Team
- Hospitality Team
- AVL Team
- Worship Team
- Teaching Team

DISCIPLE-MAKING (Matthew 28:19-20)

- Salvation of lost
- Baptisms
- Disciples growing in grace

CHURCH HEALTH (Philippians 1:9-11; Romans 12:12; Romans 15:5-6, Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-21, Colossians 1:3-14)

Be growing in knowledge & discernment

Be pure & blameless

Be filled with the fruit of righteousness

Be joyful in hope

Be patient in affliction

Be faithful in prayer

Be unified

Be strengthened with power through the Spirit

Be rooted and established in love

Be filled with the fullness of God

Be filled with the knowledge of His will

Be living worthy of the Lord

Be bearing fruit in every good work

Be sanctified through and through

Be counted worthy of God's calling

Be protected from the evil one

CHURCH FORWARD

(Acts 1:8-14, 2:1-4)

Follow Christ's orders

Prioritizing of Prayer

Operating by the Spirit