

Commissioned to Discipleship

DEFINITION: *to disciple is to teach or train a student, pupil, or devoted follower of a teaching.*

BIBLE: Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of^[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,^[a] I am with you always,^[a] to the end of the age."

Jesus' primary method for the growth of his church is making disciples.

Where Evangelism's purpose is for Salvation, Discipleship's goal is Sanctification.

QUESTION: All Christians should share their faith, but should we all be a disciple maker?

Bible: Mark 3:13-15

¹³Then He went up the mountain and summoned those He wanted, and they came to Him. ¹⁴He also appointed 12—He also named them apostles^[a]—to be with Him, to send them out to preach, ¹⁵and to have authority to^[a] drive out demons.

1) Jesus CALLED His Disciples

- a) Jesus looked into the soul of the fisherman, tax collector, rebel, and saw potential.
- b) Jesus Invited these ordinary men to an extraordinary mission.

2) Jesus was WITH his disciples

- a) Jesus did life with his disciples, setting an example for ministry.
- b) Jesus took advantage of teachable moments.

3) Jesus SENT his disciples

- a) Jesus Gave his disciples a chance to practice what they were taught.

4) Jesus EMPOWERED his disciples

- a) Jesus extended his authority & Power to his disciples to expand his ministry
- b) The Holy Spirit gives insight to both the "Discipler" and the "disciplee".

Why is Disciple-making so powerful? Disciples MAKE Disciples!

A Casual Christian will never evangelize, but a disciple will.