

MAKING DISCIPLES

In this lesson you will learn that making disciples is a charge for all believers. You will learn practical steps on how to make disciples. Jesus only has one plan to reach the world, the gospel. There is no other plan. That gospel plan calls for believers to make disciples.

- I. Making disciples – Mathew 28:18-20.
 - A. This scripture passage is known across the world by evangelical churches from the past and present as “The Great Commission.” This passage, like all of the Bible, is for **all** believers, not just a select few. “The Great Commission” was not “The Great Suggestion,” or great idea, but a commandment that Jesus gave.
 - B. Matthew 28:18 – Jesus said, *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.* Jesus has delegated His authority to the believer.
 - C. Matthew 28:19-20 – *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ... baptizing ... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...* “Go” means “to take initiative – premeditated, and deliberate.”
There are three parts to making disciples:
 1. Proclaiming the truth – Teaching and training
 2. Putting it into practice – How to walk it out
 3. Passing it on – Showing and encouraging the discipleship of others
- II. The negative effect of not making disciples
 - A. Hebrews 5:12 – *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.*
 - B. If you are not discipling others you will go backward in your Christian life
 - C. The enemy wants us to either ignore or reject the great commission of making disciples so that we won’t grow and so others won’t come to Christ
- III. Discipleship through Life Groups
 - A. Life Groups are a powerful tool used to make disciples
 - B. Life Groups provide a consistent time of meeting with others for the purpose of helping them find direction, encouragement and accountability

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who in your life has had a discipling relationship you? What did it look like?
- Who are you personally discipling? How?
- What are some practical ways we can become more engaged in discipling others?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Make a decision to be a disciple maker! Plan to start a Life Group in your workplace, neighborhood, or with a group of friends that you have common interest with.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 28:19-20 – *19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*