

GO & MAKE DISCIPLES

Matthew 28:18-20 I note from this passage in regards DISCIPLESHIP

1 We are commanded to disciple others "Authority of Jesus to go & disciple"

2 Its not limited to any status type, culture or race "All Nations"

3 Teach, to impart the teachings of Jesus in the Word of God "Teaching disciples to observe (obey) all that I have commanded you"

PROMISE: I will never leave you till I come again

The Church sits in its pews & sings come home ye who are weary, come home we should be singing Go ye, go ye you who are seated go ye We have it upside down Sinners are dead, lost, blind & deaf Yet we put up posters for the blind to read If we can't mobilize the Church who is supposed to be alive How can we ever hope to mobilize the unbelievers? (Juan Carlos Ortiz)

On assessing the state of the majority of Churches I have found there is a lack of true training in regards those who come into faith with Jesus Christ Taking a new follower into the understanding of what it means to follow Christ That it is a requirement of the faith & not an add on if you'd like to come Jesus concept Discipleship is a commitment of the leader to those who want to serve their new Master It's a sacrifice of giving up of time weekly to teach Biblical principles so that it will ground the disciple in the things of God, so that they we hold steadfast to Christ when the chips are down

Definition: Discipling others is a process by which a Christian worth emulating commits himself /herself for an extended period of time to a single or a few individuals who have been won to Christ The purpose being to aid & guide their growth to maturity & equip them to reproduce themselves in a third generation

THREE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF BEING A DISCIPLE LUKE 14:25-33

SERIOUS APPLICANTS SHOULD ONLY APPLY

1 A DISCIPLE IS MOTIVATED BY A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS Luke 14:26. When a young couple get together, they want to spend time together because there in love Do you know them no not really getting to know them Closer, we get more love person so it is with God Truly love want know about him through Word & prayer Sin will either keep you from this book or this book will keep from sin Love God love others Want to obey Him to hear what He's saying Signs of love relationship Be aware can lose first love Revelation 2:4 Signs 1 Word has become dull 2 prayer is a non-event 3 sin is habitual not overcome 4 not witnessing 5 doing things for God are chore 6 irregular in Church

If those closest to you are more important to you than Lord then not true disciple Taking Gods rightful place Jealous God Understand 2 sides Grace & Mercy other righteousness & judgement Ortiz says the church is an orphanage, all right open your mouths here's the food your dismissed for another week Not lifestyle Disciple means DISCIPLINED

Self-love is pride & gets in the way of God & our willingness to lay our life down for Him who saved us

2 A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO HAS DENIED THEIR PERSONAL RIGHTS Luke 14:27 Matthew 16:24

Example of a hen & a pig they both have to sacrifice one egg or himself Cross
symbol death to self New Testament lot said about slaves A slave was brought with a price belongs to his
master Romans 6 we are slaves to sin death is a slave to Christ conquered no rights no power no
possessions died to them Self means I abdicate the throne

Lord let me have no will of my own or consider my true happiness as depending in the smallest degree
on anything that can befall me outwardly, but as consisting altogether in conformity to Your will (H
Martyn)

Denial of self is different from self-denial Self-denial forgoing pleasures possessions food (chicken) denial
of self-death (pig) means total & complete surrender submission to Christ Not my will but yours O Lord
No right worry, fear, must forgive & love EITHER LIVE & DIE OR DIE & LIVE?

Disciple is a follower one who has given his life over to His Master You don't have a say, told what to do
& do it without question

3 A DISCIPLE IS A FOLLOWER WHO HAS MADE JESUS LORD OF ALL Luke 14:33 & 5:11 left everything &
followed Jesus Many say that this verse doesn't mean what it says to 'forsake ALL' it's not in part no
alternative if don't can't be my disciple Seek first Kingdom God & all the other things will fall into place
Rich young ruler answer Jesus gave sell all & then follow me God says you obey it If you love me you will
obey me This is not popular teaching As it means abandonment

No 1 money social life possessions relationships sport work Deny self of worldly pleasures He is Lord of
ALL or not at all you can't have it both ways ALL means your will, emotions, thoughts, mind, heart
surrendered to Him

HOW DID JESUS DISCIPLE OUR MODEL & EXAMPLE?

1 TAUGHT NOT CAUGHT Jesus was an on-the-job trainer Teaching by showing them how it's done I note
this that His disciples didn't do they mainly observed & the Holy Spirit empowered them The exception
was in Luke 10:3-11 Where they were sent out with vertically nothing & no money Talk about throw
them in the deep end But we note Luke 10:17-24 they began to experience what Jesus was talking &
demonstrating to them

It's no-good teaching people unless they see it in action in your life In the Jewish family the Mother
cared for children teaching them & training them up till the age of 5 Then Fathers would take over the
training the boys by observing what they did in work & in their spiritual life They saw how they handled
circumstances, they built up a Father/son relationship They lived in the shadow of their teacher An
example is a cow produces its calf at birth it continues to feed it until it can eat on its own That's what
Discipleship is You become like those whom you spend time with To the point where you pick up
mannerisms of those that you follow Philippians 4:9

2 QUALITY NOT QUANTITY Jesus choose 12 & His impact was much greater than a select group Basically one person can mentor/disciple 2 or 3 people maximum True essence of of discipling it's not how many but what kind of fruit are they producing

Personally, when I was a Youth Pastor I inherited a group of youth of 77 After 2 years it had dropped to 44 but we had a core group of 12 who we imputed into meet for prayer & equipping What I need to say is that the Elders after about a year & a half were not impressed because their children who weren't spiritual, hadn't become Christians And that we were more interested in the spiritual than programs TRUE We believed we weren't there to entertain their children but to get them saved & discipled We had Youth Group each Saturday night Spiritually we were having monthly Youth Services with between 400-500 attending with people saved every service We took teams of 6 away to a number of other Churches to minister in their services But that didn't count However in the 3rd year the Youth Group numbers was in excess of 100 regulars Out of the group of 12 - 3 became Youth Pastors & 3 others were involved in Missions while the rest many became leaders It's called legacy

3 MULTIPULATION NOT ADDITION If I saved \$1 week for 26 weeks id get \$26 however if I started with \$1 & doubled it over 26 weeks, I would have a staggering \$33,556.480 That's not even multiplying it Paul knew this concept 2 Timothy 2:2 'to entrust it to faithful men who in turn will teach others' He imputed to Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Epaphras to pass it on Jesus 12-120
Pencost-3000 added – 5,000 added that we know of

Red Indians are a race the pass on their culture to their young ones so it doesn't die out They are taught about where they have come from, their history In our culture I think it's sad many don't know their history only parts of it It's inherit, it's part of their lifestyle to share Theres a lesson here if we share with 1 they share with 2 others & those 2 share with 2 others that's multiplication – that how Gospel gets out?

4 POTENTIAL RATHER THAN PROBLEMS It depends on what we focus on Negatives or postives? Jesus didn't didn't pick the ones without issues or problems take Denying Peter, Traitor Judas, Doubting Thomas as examples But what He did do He believed in them as He believes in each of us He sees beyond our weaknesses to our potential The Bible is full of Men whom had issues but God chose them anyway ie Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah they all felt unworthy This is false pride that pushes the real you down But God didn't accept their excuses & He doesn't accept ours either

I was a very shy person; I couldn't speak id go red with embarrassment I felt if people laughed with me that they were laughing at me At a prayer meeting God through an attendee had a word for me that id speak to many The group laughed as I hardly ever spoke in the group let alone in front of lots people When I was filled with the Holy Spirit that changed I now love speaking especially Gods Word

NOT WHAT WE WERE ITS WHAT WE WILL BECOME that counts Paul
& Barnabus had issues with each other That's ok as long as we can work through our issues with each other & agree to disagree The problem is when self & pride gets in the way of accepting others who have different ideas & opinions God accepts us in fact He created us all different Celebrate it

A boy from an English stately home was swimming in the Loch when he seized upon with severe cramp. He struggled to stay afloat while screaming for help. His cries were heard by another boy about his own age who plunged into the Loch bringing him to safety of the shore. He was able to save his life. The years went by but the English boy never forgot the lad who saved him. The day came when he made a special trip to Scotland to tell the boy that he & his family wanted to pay for further education for him in the field of his choice. The Scottish boy chose medicine & graduated with high honors. Later he took up medical research & in 1928 made a significant breakthrough in microbiology when he discovered that germs could live in certain of vegetable mold. Yes penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming a wonder drug that has saved millions. The English boy whose life Alexander saved was also destined for great things. During the 2nd world war while involved in top level conferences with world leaders he was stricken with pneumonia. His condition deteriorated word was sent to London & penicillin was flown to him. Within hours his condition improved & eventually saved his life. His name Winston Churchill you see investment in someone's life could well save your own or that of a loved one. Spiritually speaking we save people from hell & death when we make investments in them.