

Lesson 4: **C**reate New Disciples

Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:19-20

OBJECTIVE: To build a relationship with a person helping them grow in and accept Christ to become a disciple of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

Let's imagine that all of us have been assigned to disciple a person. How would you begin to think about discipling that individual?

QUESTION: How would you find that person God wants you to disciple?

- Identify someone in your church
- Look among your friends
- Scroll through your contacts either on your phone or social media
- Other: _____

Understanding the Discipling Terms

1. A Disciple

A **disciple** is someone who is following Jesus Christ (head), being changed by Jesus through the Holy Spirit (heart) and committing to the mission of our Savior Jesus Christ (hand).

2. Discipleship

Discipleship is the intentional training of people who voluntarily submit to the Lordship of Christ and who want to become imitators of Him in every thought, word, and deed. (Barna, 2001)

3. Disciple-making

Disciple-making involves entering into relationships to help people trust and follow Jesus (Matt. 28:18–20), which includes the whole process from conversion through maturation and multiplication.

I. A Look at the Great Commission

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The essence of Jesus' Great Commission statement is to make disciples of all nations (vs. 19). The question becomes how do we do that? What does it look like if disciples make a disciple? How do we begin this process?

Three practical steps:

1. **Go:** Disciples cannot be passive about making disciples. The command of Jesus is to go to our family members, friends, into our communities, into our organizations, and into the world and proclaim the gospel.

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2. **Baptize:** Baptism is a public profession and declaration of our faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism helps us to stay focused on our mission. The mission is not to stop people from sinning or even to get them to attend church. Our mission is simply to develop a relationship with people so that we may share the gospel.
3. **Teach:** Just because a person accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior that does not mean the job is complete. The next step is to teach them to observe everything that Jesus commanded. In other words, we have to teach new disciples what it means to live as a disciple of Christ.

The process of disciple-making is a journey. It requires patience with people as you serve them and as you begin ministering to them.

Write down an explanation of how you were discipled or have been discipled:

II. Jesus' Model of Discipleship

2 Timothy 2:1-2 Multiplication

How did Jesus make disciples?

- 1 on masses - Matthew 5:1-2
- 1 on large group - Matthew 7:28 - 8:1
- 1 on 12 - Matthew 15:13
- 1 on 3 - Matthew 17:1-3
- 1 on 1 - John 4:7-14
- 1 on God - John 17:1-2

III. The Need of Disciples

New Disciple Needs:

1. Protection
2. Fellowship
 - a. Why you have fellowship with Christ
 - b. Share blessings you have received from your relationship with Christ
 - c. Fellowship with others who have fellowship with Christ
 - d. Pray for them
3. Food – I Peter 2:2-3 Be fed and feed themselves. Basic How to Bible Study skills
4. Training, need to learn how
 - a. How to pray
 - b. How to have devotion
 - c. How to share the gospel
 - d. How to memorize the Word
5. Consistency
 - a. Bite-size assignments in the word of God
 - b. Quiet time with God
6. Check on them and encourage periodically

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CONCLUSION

Paul's Method of Making Disciples - 2 Timothy 2:2

Name three things that you wish someone had taught you when you became a disciple:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Making New Disciples

1. Identify potential persons: faithful, available, and teachable
2. Plan regular times to meet with them
3. Find ministry opportunities to do together - there must be some action involved
4. They should do ministry without you
5. Keep them focused on the Big Picture: The things of God. They too should disciple someone.