

The Goal – Make Reproducing Disciples

Why did Jesus command us to make disciples?

*Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection were about bringing the kingdom of God. This was nothing less than the beginning of a mission to undo **sin** and **death** and defeat **the powers of evil**. Making disciples is his chosen method of accomplishing this task.*

Concepts and Definitions

*Disciple – Someone who follows Jesus. Someone who is growing in the character and priorities of Jesus.
The three components of discipleship – Gospel, Word, and Mission*

Instructions to a Disciple-Maker

Bring the Gospel to bear on yourself – v. 14 – Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed...

Because the Bible says so...?

Because Lois and Eunice say so?

“Reliable testimonies are a valid source of knowledge... The quality of the witness increases the validity of the testimony.” – John Piper

“Don’t walk away from that quality of human being, Timothy, Eunice and Lois, your mother and grandmother. Be very slow to laugh them off.” – John Piper

Because it is inspired! (Literally, God-breathed)

“Some study guides urge believers to read the Bible and ask, ‘What does this text say TO me?’ A better question might be, ‘What does this passage say AGAINST me’ and my ways of thinking and acting? And the best question is ‘How does this passage show that despite all that, the Lord is still for me, for us?’ - as demonstrated in his death and resurrection.” – Dr. Dan Doriani

Bring the Gospel to bear on others – v. 2 “Preach the word”

Luke 24:27 “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Acts 2:42 “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.”

...with complete patience and teaching

πρὸς διδασκαλίαν - teaching

πρὸς ἐλεγμὸν – refuting error and rebuking sin

πρὸς ἐπανόρθωσιν – setting right, correction

πρὸς παιδείαν – training, instruction, discipline

Action!

When was the last time the Bible changed something about you?

When was the last time you spent time in the Bible with someone else?

Questions for Personal Study

1. Have you ever had a person disciple you? Have you ever tried to disciple someone else? What was that like?
2. How do you respond when the Bible challenges or contradicts you?
3. When was the last time the Bible changed your behavior?
4. How often do you spend time discipling others?