

Texts:

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 9:22, 11:1

1. Go make disciples

- A. What is a disciple? A disciple is a learner, student, pupil, and follower
- B. Jesus before beginning His ministry understood that to save the world he needed disciples not just crowds. Crowds come and go, disciples follow to eventually lead
- C. For the truth to spread to the next generation, there must always be disciples in the current atmosphere, explain

2. A disciple developing mindset

- A. We must think beyond the salvation experience of John 3:5 and Acts 2:38
- B. The tragedy of just getting the person to the water or the altar, explain
- C. Illustration of parents coming to hospital to birth a baby and then leaving it there after it is born and expecting the baby to come home on its own
- D. God is not a fan of spiritual abandonment and neither should we be

3. The most exciting life, is developing disciples

- A. Living for God without a disciple to develop will quickly turn into a job rather than a joy
- B. Explain how the focus of a disciple developer is different than that of a content Christian
- C. When our focus is not on who we are personally developing we are subject to a critical, self serving, and discouraged spirit
- D. The reason being is that we are not living for God to reach others but rather to seek personal gain

4. The disciple needs a developer

- A. The disciple cannot make it very far without the love, care, guidance, and wisdom of the developer
- B. We must be willing to care and be that person
- C. Will you be willing to be a developer? Will you be willing to help someone get to heaven? Will you leave the comfort zone of just coming to church and actually be the church?
- D. I am looking for 50 developers tonight to start the multiplication process

5. Ok, I have committed to developing a disciple, how do I find a disciple?

- A. First, get over any failed attempts before, explain
- B. Second, use the weapon of prayer, explain
- C. Third, stop praying and start pursuing, explain
- D. There is a comfort zone we fall into by only “praying”

6. Where do I find my disciple?

- A. Start with the sanctuary, that is the easiest place. Explain the amount of first time guests we have annually; a genuine prayer of all of ours needs to be for a Sunday morning service again at Revival Tabernacle
- B. We need to come to every service, looking for our disciple
- C. The people you meet at church are easier to disciple because, they have already shown interest by coming to the house of the Lord
- D. Other potential places are the neighborhood, the workplace, the school, the gym, etc
- E. In other words, places that you frequent often. The common areas of your life

7. Who is my disciple?

- A. This is where we make it harder on ourselves than it needs to be
- B. Unfortunately the closer some of us get to God, the harder it is for us to reach the world, explain
- C. People that should immediately be on your radar include: church guests, family members that live near by, co workers, friends at a school, neighbors, or people you keep running into in public
- D. The reason being for church guests is already stated above, they are already saying I am interested without even knowing you
- E. The reason for the other groups of people is that there is already a relationship established or being established
- F. If we will start here, other disciples will begin to appear in our lives

8. What to expect in developing my disciple?

- A. It will cost you something, developing disciples is not easy or cheap
- B. It will cost you time, effort, money, even sleep sometimes
- C. They will let you down, you will be disappointed sometimes
- D. They will make you proud, explain how you will be so happy as they grow
- E. God will assign you this baby, and they will depend on you
- F. You will be their bible study teacher

9. How do I teach a bible study?

- A. This is another hangup we have, explain
- B. The most important thing you can do when teaching a bible study, is meet them where they are, explain
- C. After all, isn't that how God met us?

- D. People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care
- E. People need love and truth and one without the other will lead to a miscarriage
- F. If we only show them truth, they'll think they cannot make it
- G. If we only show them love, they will never change thinking they have already made it
- H. They need both
- I. Start your bible study, getting to know their story. This is how you will find out what they are needing to know first
- J. Curriculums without compassion will end up in cancellation, explain

10. It will be different with each disciple

- A. The person you are about to teach will have different questions and be in a different place in life than the next one you develop, explain
- B. Being there for them in the beginning is more important than having all of the answers
- C. Some disciples are going to be easier than others, so do not put them on a clock

11. What curriculums do I use?

- A. Again, start with love and listening
- B. We have purchased 100 "Table Top" bible studies for you; explain
- C. There are other curriculums you can find and purchase at PPH such as: Search for truth, Exploring Gods Word, Elements, etc
- D. These come with charts as a visual aid to help the disciple in their journey

12. Understand they'll need more than you

- A. Winning them to you and not God will not get hem to heaven, they need the church
- B. Enlist others in your development of the disciple
- C. Get the answers you don't have for the disciple from the people in church that have then answers, explain
- D. For instance, pastor, first lady, staff pastors, elders, care group directors, assistants, and faithful members are likely to be valuable resources for you

13. Closing: Start the journey, God will join you

- A. Explain how once this becomes a focused commitment and desire, God will bring the disciple along side
- B. In their world, when the student is ready the teacher appears
- C. In our world, when the teacher is ready, the student will appear
- D. God will cause them to develop into disciple makers themselves
- E. This journey never stops if you start it now, you can continually develop disciples
- F. Let's roll