

NOT AN OPTION

07 The New Testament TRAINING COMMAND - Matthew 28:16-20

Introduction:

A. The **CONFUSION** about discipleship

B. The **CLARIFICATION** about discipleship

Making disciples is intentional relationships for the purpose of growth in Christ.

Making disciples is learning to live life in obedience to Christ through relationships with the same goal

Making disciples is enjoying friendships with those who follow Christ and obey His Word together.

C. The **CRUCIALNESS** of discipleship

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Matthew 28:16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. **17** When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. **18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The **COMMAND** to make disciples

1st Christ's P_____

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GOING:

Spurgeon if the elect had a yellow stripe up their back, I would go around pulling up shirt tails, but because they don't and I don't know who the elect are, I preach to all, I share with all, I talk to all, so that those who are elect will respond.

MAKING DISCIPLES:

Acts 11:26b the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch

Luke 6:40 "A disciple is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. John 9:28 They reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. Matthew 12:49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! Matthew 16:24 Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Disciples pursue learning from Christ as they learn the Word through their discipplers.

Disciples pursue following Christ as they follow their models who follow Christ 1 Cor. 11:1 *Follow me as I follow Christ*

Disciples demonstrate commitment to Christ and imitate the commitment of mentors

Disciples grow complete in Christ bringing every area of life under the authority of the Word

*Just as Christ physically disciplined his men in the gospels,
so now the body of Christ physically disciplines believers in the epistles.*

Discipleship FORMULA = Relationship + the WOG + Holy Spirit + Time + Life x intentionality x intimacy

BAPTIZING:

TEACHING:

4th Christ's P _____

20b and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Conclusion:

A - Discipleship is giving the greatest P _____

B - Discipleship is an every day live P _____ Gal. 4:19b *I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you*

C - Discipleship requires the ability to P _____ *When you stop developing, you are deteriorating*

D - Discipleship requires God's P _____

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE CHANGE

1. Why is there such confusion, plus lack of commitment toward discipleship and how can Christians reverse that trend?
2. What are the greatest errors and misunderstandings about discipleship?
3. How is discipleship happening within the church, it's groups and ministries and people are not even aware of it?
4. Why should discipleship be intentional and what is the purpose of biblical discipleship?
5. What will it require for every Christian [each of you] in a church to be discipling and be disciplined in some manner?
6. What element of the process of discipleship is the most difficult for most believers? What element of discipleship is the most joyful?
7. Why does Christ promise is power and presence in the process of discipleship?

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