

A RENEWED PEOPLE



There is a simple, straightforward way in which congregations of Jesus' people can, without exception, fulfill his call to be an *ecclesia*, his 'called out' ones; a touchpoint between heaven and earth, where the healing of the cross and the resurrection can *save the lost and grow the saved* into the fullness of human beings in Christ.

Dallas Willard

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28v19-20 (ESV)

What is a disciple?

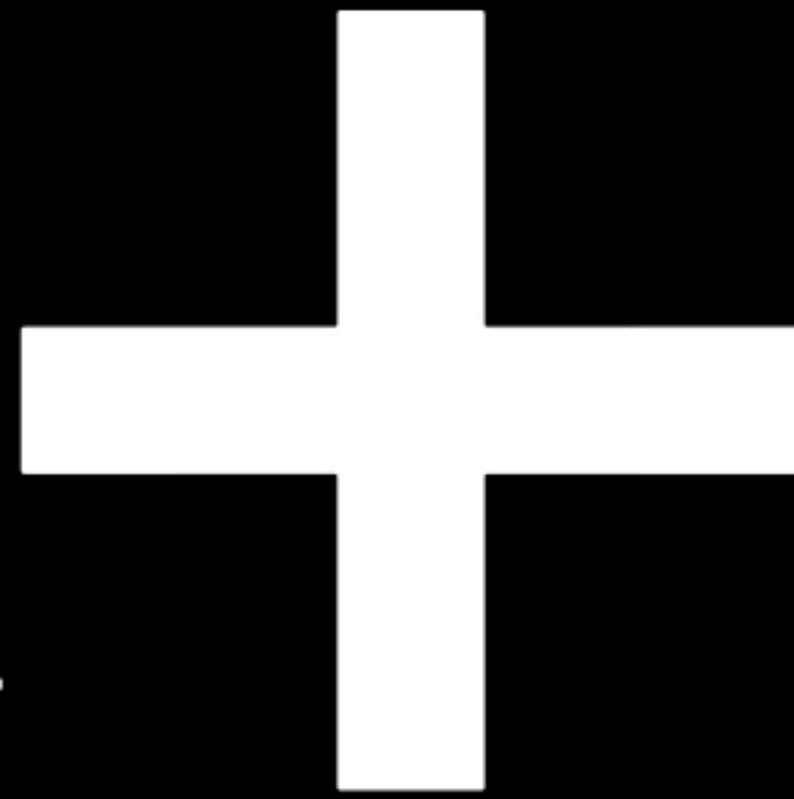
mathetes (disciple)

“learner or apprentice”

We are, first and foremost, disciplined by Jesus.

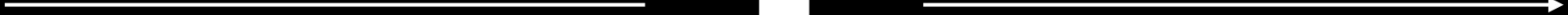
What might characterize the process of discipleship to Jesus?

Conversion

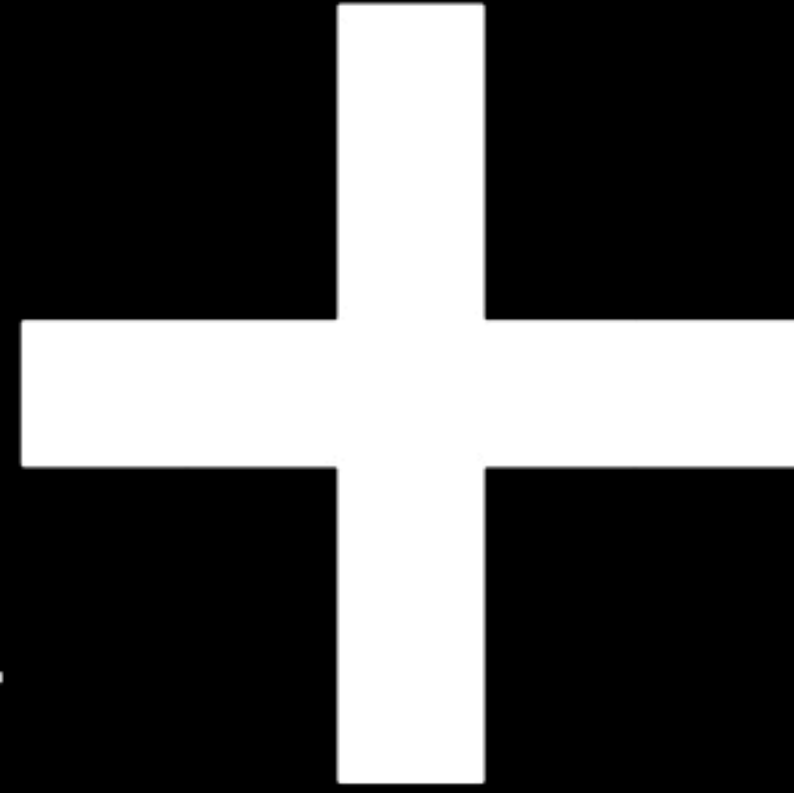


Evangelism

Discipleship



Conversion



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Evangelism

Becoming a Disciple / Making Disciples

Renewal happens as we apprentice to Jesus.

You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your creator.

Colossians 3v10 (ESV)

Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Matthew 7v21 (ESV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life?”

Matthew 16v24-26

A Lost People



Deny Jesus, Follow Self
Insecure Identity

Disintegrated

Motivated by Feelings

Enslaved to the desires of the flesh

Resistant to Jesus and his way



Lose Your Life

A Renewed People



Deny Self, Follow Jesus
Secure Identity

Integrated

Motivated by Love

Free from the desires of the flesh

Submitted to Jesus and his way



Save Your Life