



Why Are So Many Churches Dying?

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Mark 3:13-15

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When the need for Jesus is so great in our land, why are so many churches dying? It has been noted that 6 to 10 thousand American churches permanently close their doors every year.

In contrast, the early church grew at a rate of 40% per decade, even while under the persecution of the Roman Empire. Some scholars refer to the rapid rise of the first century church as a historical enigma.

In our text, the first century church was conceived by Jesus with the calling of His twelve disciples.

Main Thought...

➔ The lifeblood of a healthy church is _____ disciple-making.

1. **Personal disciple-making is _____ (v. 13).**

Mt. 4:19; 28:18-20

2. **Personal disciple-making is _____ (v. 14a).**

Titus 2:1-8a

3. **Personal disciple-making is _____ (v. 14b).**

Mk. 6:7, 12-13

4. **Personal disciple-making is _____ (v. 14b).**

2 Tim. 2:1-2

5. **Personal disciple-making is _____ (v. 15).**

Acts 17:6b; Mt. 9:37-38

Final Thoughts...

➔ Are you a _____ of Jesus?

➔ Are you willing to become a _____ of men?