

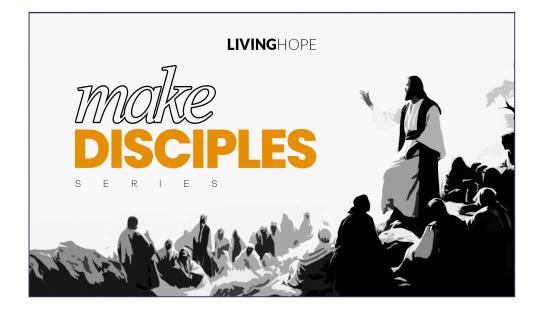
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MAKE DISCIPLES INSIDE OUT

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ 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,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2 ESV

²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.
 ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be <u>conformed to the image of his</u> <u>Son</u>, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29 ESV

And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. Acts 11:26 ESV

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6 NLT

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:4 NLT

1. Establish the Lordship of Jesus

But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy. 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! Psalm 57:7 ESV

if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 ESV

3. Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14 NLT

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22 ESV

2. Grace filled **Disciplines**

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17 ESV

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 ESV

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 ESV

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. Galatians 5:16 NLT

Community Group Questions

- 1. What you hear the phrase "make disciples" what comes to mind?
- 2. What are some of the main differences between someone who has said they "made a decision" at some time for Jesus and a disciple?
- 3. How does God change us from the inside out? Why is the internal change?
- 4. Which of the 3 ways on internal change has been most important for you and why?