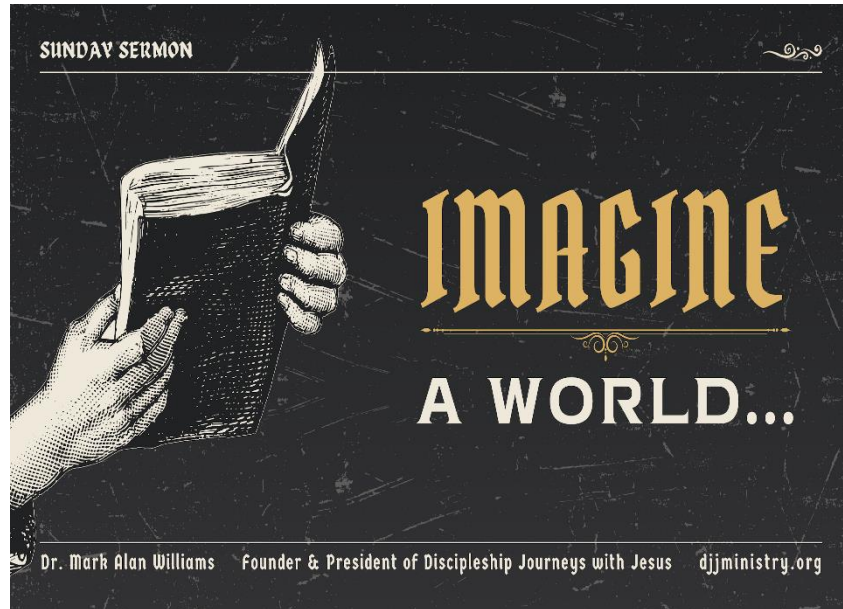




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## WELCOME

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### Imagine a World...

#### 1. What is the Great Commission of Jesus?

Jesus said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20 ESV)

#### 2. What is a disciple?

Core definition: A disciple is "a devoted follower."

The original Greek word for disciple is MATHETES. It means to create a duplicate of the master or teacher, a mirror image.

Jesus said it this way: “But everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” (Luke 6:40b) (CEB)

*“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”* (Romans 8:29) (ESV)

The Apostle Paul put the concept in this way: *“Be imitators of me as I am of Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 11:1) (ESV)

Dallas Willard, philosopher, professor, and author, wrote: *“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heart-breaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples.”*

### **3. What does it take to “make disciples?”**

Jesus clearly contrasted, “Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.” (Matthew 12:30) (ESV)

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#### **Great Commission activities that produce disciple-making:**

- a. Going
- b. Baptizing
- c. Teaching

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