

- **What is a disciple** – one who submits themselves to Jesus and His way of life ... **Why make disciples** – who Jesus is; because of God’s plan of redeeming the nations through Jesus ... **Who makes disciples** – God working through each of us ... Every Christian is saved on purpose, for a purpose ... **Where are disciples made** – in every location; particularly in our everyday relationships ... **How are disciples made** – God working through His people by His Spirit and Word
  - **Acts 2** – God’s Spirit comes upon the 120 disciples, and they began “**declaring the magnificent acts of God**” (11) to all within the crowd ... Peter declares, what God prophesied through Joel was now being fulfilled (17-18) ... The early church of 3,000+ devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching (teachings of Jesus; how OT fulfilled in Jesus) ... [4:31](#) ... [8:4](#) ... Philip, [8:26-40](#) ... Peter, [10:34-44](#) ... [14:3](#) ... [16:10](#) ... [20:24, 27-28, 32](#) ... [28:30-31](#) ...
- By God’s design, people hear the gospel, respond to the gospel, grow in understanding and applying the gospel through others by means of the Holy Spirit and Holy Scriptures – [2Thes2:13-14](#) (see: [Jam1:18](#), [1Pet1:23-24](#)) ... [Rom10:8-17](#) ... **How are disciples made** ... As we engage people in our everyday relationships, we intentionally help them take steps to the right in their pursuit and growth towards Jesus
- Life with Jesus is both a total change, and a moment-by-moment change ... “**Disciple-making deals in the messy realities of weariness and faint-heartedness, and our constant struggle against sin**” ... In the world, people are broken and hurt, they freely trade away identity for a lie, they justify sin, they want to be the god of their own life ... And yet, the same can be said of those in the Church ...
  - We are all at different stages, facing different challenges, requiring different approaches ... Disciple-making is not “cookie-cutter” ... Aim of disciple-making is not for you to be the standard that people seek to imitate ... The Father wants all of His children to be conformed to the image of Jesus ... His likeness we seek after
  - We need to be willing to step into the place where people are in life – no matter where ... We don’t come to them with judgment or condemnation or with a laundry list ... We meet them where they are, we point them to Jesus, and we commit to walking with them towards Him, and who He wants them to be and wants them to do ... Jesus is every person’s destination; He is the reason why every one of us is moving to the right in growth and transformation ... **This is God working**
- How do we go about working this out at Grace? ... We want to be about: **connecting with others to grow together in Jesus** ... There’s a purpose to our gathering ... We’re headed somewhere ... We’re in pursuit of Jesus, together, and along the way we’re pulling in people in need of Jesus – just like each of us
  - As we move to the right, we want to do so in ways that are healthy and balanced ... Our balance becomes evident in the balance of our relationship with Jesus, our relationship with one another, and our relationship with those not yet apart of God’s family ... Up / In / Out ... Abide / Grow / Connect ... More next week
- The church is God’s primary vehicle by which His gospel is proclaimed in the world, and continues to be proclaimed **in the Church** ... Each of us at Grace has the ability to speak God’s word to those in here and to those out there ... Imagine if we were to reshape the culture of Grace, where people saw themselves as Spirit-empowered, speakers of God’s word to those around them ... What would it take to bring this type of culture into reality?
  - Each person engaged in word ministry – God’s Spirit speaking God’s word through God’s people to others ... [Rom1:11-12, 16, 15:14](#) ... [1Cor14:26](#) ... [Eph4:12-16, 29](#) ... [Col3:16, 4:2-6](#) ... [1Thes4:18, 5:11, 14-21](#) ... [Heb3:13, 10:24-25](#) ... [1Pet3:15](#) ... [2Thes2:15-17](#) ... *Father, who can I encourage, and how do I encourage them today?* ... Sunday AM; during the week ... Allowing the Holy Spirit to refocus your life and priorities