



## Making Disciples

One-on-One, Multiplying Discipleship

### I. The Global Mandate of the resurrected King:

Make Disciples of All Nations! (Mt. 28:18-20)

### II. Definition of a Disciple:

A disciple is a Spirit-transformed, wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ who multiplies.

### III. “DNA” or “Genetic Code” of a Disciple in the gospels:

#### 1. **100% Jesus focused:** (*Discipled unto Jesus not Christianity*)

- Repentance to Jesus (Mt. 3:2, 4:17, full turn and change of mind)
- Born Again in Jesus (Jn. 3:1-6, Rom. 10:9-10)
- Faith in Cross of Jesus and His Finished Work (Rom. 6, Gal. 2:20, 1 Cor. 2:1-4)
- Baptized by and in the Name of Jesus
  - spirit: 1 Cor. 12:13, 6:19 (Holy Spirit puts into Christ)
  - soul: Acts 2:1-4, Eph. 5:18-19 (Holy Spirit fills mind, emotions, will)
  - body: Acts 8:35-38, 10:44-48 (body immersed in water)
- Growing in wholehearted love for Jesus through faith-filled, maturing obedience to Jesus (Mt. 28:19, Jn. 14:15, 21, 23)

**2. Bearing fruit for Jesus** through Spirit-led character, works, discipline, speaking, and confession (Gen. 1:28; Jn. 15:8, 15:16; Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 1:10; Heb. 12:11, 13:15; Jas. 5:16).

#### 3. **Making disciples who make disciples** – reproduce after their own kind.

Multiplying purposely through relational fathering to the 4th generation.

Make a disciple (son) who makes a disciple (grandson) who makes a disciple (great-grandson). Paul – Timothy – his disciple – another disciple.

Gen. 1:28; Mt. 28:19; 2 Tim 2:2.

#### 4. **“Going” on Mission in Life** – Filling everywhere he is with Spirit’s presence.

Always doing what the Father is doing, the Spirit-led life.

Gen. 1:28; Mt. 28:19; Eph. 1:22,23, John 5:19, Romans 8:14, Gal. 5:16

#### 5. **Prays for, proclaims, and demonstrates the Kingdom of God** – Rule of God advanced

Mt. 6:9,10; Lk. 11:2; Mt. 10:7,8; Lk. 9:2, 10:9; Mk. 16:16-18; Jn. 14:11-14; 1 Jn. 3:8

***This DNA above is synonymous with Adams's blessing/commission below.***

**Original Commission Gen 1:26, 28:**

1. Image-bearer
2. Fruitful
3. Multiply
4. Fill
5. Subdue and Rule

**IV. Means of Making Disciples:**

1. Prayer: from beginning to end in the disciple making process
2. Intentional Relationship: Mentoring/Coaching
3. Transferring the discipleship DNA: Teaching to Obey Spirit and Word
4. Modeling by showing: Going on mission with your disciple
5. Sending the disciple to make disciples

**V. Practical Orthopraxy (Correct Practice) of Jesus in Disciple-making, Our Model:**

**Jesus' Method Stated Three Ways:**

Jesus' Life of Making Disciples:

1. He is on Kingdom Mission via relationship with His Father.
2. He is extending the invitation, "Come, follow me," to those who were drawn to His ministry and mission.
3. He is proclaiming(preaching and teaching) and demonstrating (love and power) the Kingdom of God.
4. He is training His disciples to do what He does by doing the Kingdom with Him and sending them on short mission.
5. He is commanding and sending them to multiply Kingdom expressers, called disciples.

Let's say it again:

1. He is saying, "Come and See" what I am doing (Jn. 2:39).
2. Then He is saying, "Come, Follow Me" (Jn. 2:43).
3. Then He is saying, "Come and Learn from Me" (Mt. 11:29)
4. Then He is saying, "Go, Do It" (Lk. 10:1).
5. Then He is saying, "Go, Multiply" (Mt. 28:18).

Let's say it one more time another way through the acronym DISCIPLE:

**D- Do** the Kingdom mission to people  
**I - Invite** those drawn to relationship  
**S- Show** them kingdom life and ministry  
**C- Call** them to wholeheartedly follow Jesus  
**I- Instruct** them with Kingdom teaching through your Bible  
**P- Practice** Kingdom ministry with them  
**L- Let** them mission themselves  
**E- Engage** them to multiply

**So breaking it down practically for us:**

1. Through prayer and being led by the Spirit, call an individual to discipleship.
2. Communicate through time spent the DNA of a disciple.

3. Teach them what it means to repent, be born again, and to be Spirit and water baptized.
4. Draw that disciple into prayer and word, teaching them how to hear and follow the Holy Spirit.
5. Help the disciple discern his spiritual gifts.
6. Take the disciple with you on mission and model.
7. Soon in the process, help the disciple pray about and focus on being led by the Spirit to whom he is to disciple.
8. Go with him to make this next disciple.
9. Make sure he can impart the DNA and lead this disciple to making another disciple.
10. Get this first disciple generation to great-grandchildren generation, that is, to 2 Tim. 2:2 (disciple who makes a disciple who makes a disciple) and then start again with another fresh disciple.

#### VI. Optimum Healthy Activity and Fellowship of a Disciple:

1. They are being disciplined and making disciples.
2. They are walking in James 5:16 relationship (accountable confession).
3. They are fellowshiping with house church (small community of saints).
4. They are connected to an equipping ministry (larger apostolic center).

#### VII. Notes and Thoughts:

- We should give the majority of our attention to this process of making disciples.
- We believe that making disciples is a general call for every believer. Unlike specific calls and giftings to individual believers, like being an equipper to the Body of Christ or starting a ministry for justice, for example.
- It is essential that we engage the principle of multiplication in the saints' lives for the Kingdom to grow. Building buildings and starting meetings, while hoping that people will come, will not change the world or agree with Jesus' practice of making disciples.
- In a nutshell, we are teaching disciples how to **hear and obey** Jesus via a Spirit-led life.
- This must be an **intentional effort**. The Spirit does it with our partnership.
- We must go small in order to have big impact. Shotgun approach is not effective enough. We must rifle approach to hit the target.
- There is a difference between (1) inspiring/impacting an individual and (2) making disciples. We must be salt and light to all we see, but we must also be intentionally making specific disciples who make disciples.
- Larger equipping meetings and house churches will change in focus and health, if we make this the basis of the ministry. The equipping meetings and small group meetings should support and be a fruit of the central activity of disciple-making.
- The central platform for discipleship is not meetings as much as it is intentional relationship.
- Personally, along with the Foundation Class principles, we feel called to serve the church at large and locally in two primary areas: (1) teaching them to pray and hear the Holy Spirit, thus becoming a spiritual community, and (2) teaching them to make disciples who make disciples who make disciples, etc.
- Let us start a grassroots multiplying movement that spreads like a wild fire and consumes our cities and nations.