

Series: Discipleship

Title: Disciples R Us



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All throughout the New Testament, Jesus made it clear about the importance of discipleship. Over 200 times we find the word, disciple. Discipleship was important to Jesus and if it was important to Christ, it should be important to His Church. The church should be a disciple-making machine that goes out and makes other disciples who go and do the same.

In this series, we will teach several aspects of discipleship with the intent that everyone in this church will understand our main mission and goal is to obey Jesus, the great head of the church. This involves knowing and believing that disciples are us and it's the responsibility of every saved, sanctified, and Spirit-filled believer to go and make disciples.

Now there are several commissions in the New Testament, but Matthew 28 is the great commission because it's the only one that says go and make disciples.

“Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead. And then he told them, **“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.”**

(Mark 16:14-16 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/mrk.16.14-16.NLT>

“And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ **“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”**

(Luke 24:46-49 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/luk.24.46-49.NLT>

“Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

(John 20:21-23 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.20.21-23.NLT>

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.”

(Acts 1:8 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/act.1.8.NLT>

“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/mat.28.18-20.NLT>

“For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to [that which] the Scriptures [foretold], and that He was buried, and that He was [bodily] raised on the third day according to [that which] the Scriptures [foretold], and that He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the Twelve. After that He appeared to **more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [in death].”**

(1 Corinthians 15:6 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1co.15.6.AMP>

I. _____

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Matthew 28:18 (POSB KJV Mt 2): Jesus’ power or authority is a given power. **It is given by God, and it is given for one reason: to exalt Christ above and over all.**

“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.” (Ph. 2:8–9)

Jesus’ power is above and over all that is in heaven and in Earth. His authority is over all the universes. His authority includes at least three areas.

The Lord’s authority includes the power to rule and reign ... and receive worship.

The Lord’s authority includes the power to govern and direct.

- the affairs of men without violating man’s freedom.**

“But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God’s right hand.”

(Luke 22:69 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/luk.22.69.NLT>

“And He put **all things [in every realm] in subjection under Christ’s feet, and appointed Him as [supreme and authoritative] head over all things in the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills and completes all things in all [believers].”**

(Ephesians 1:22-23 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.1.22-23.AMP>

The Lord's authority includes the power to forgive sins, to judge, receive and reject men, and to save and deliver men through life and death. (Ro. 8:28–39)

“Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

(John 14:6 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jhn.14.6.AMP>

Jesus is the authority on this Earth and in heaven. He is the Boss of Heaven and Earth. He is Lord of both Heaven and Earth.

II.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”

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“For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son** [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification], so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honored] among many believers.”

(Romans 8:29 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rom.8.29.AMP>

A. Going

“Jesus sent out these twelve, instructing them: “Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not go into a city of the Samaritans; **but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**”

(Matthew 10:5-6 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.10.5-6.AMP>

What is a disciple?

It is a follower or a learner. It refers to someone who takes up the **ways of someone else**. Applied to Jesus, a disciple is someone who learns from him to live like him — someone who, because of God's awakening grace, conforms his or her words and ways to the words and ways of Jesus.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a bond-servant above his master. **It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher**, and the bond-servant like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul (Satan), how much more [will they speak evil of] the members of his household.”

(Matthew 10:24-25 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.10.24-25.AMP>

Go and replicate His person and His power to all and tell them that the King has come and you need to follow him and obey him!

- **God commands us to be a disciple and make disciples.**
- **Go make followers of Jesus**
- **Go make learners of Jesus**
- **Go make representatives of Jesus**

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“Yeshua summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, so they could drive them out and heal every kind of disease and sickness.”

(Matthew 10:1 TLV)

<https://bible.com/bible/314/mat.10.1.TLV>

“And the message of God kept on growing and spreading, and the number of disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem; and a large number of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith [accepting Jesus as Messiah and acknowledging Him as the Source of eternal salvation].”

(Acts 6:7 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/act.6.7.AMP>

B. Baptizing

Is our place of identification

“I am willing to identify with Jesus”

“Or are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His

death? We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life [abandoning our old ways].”

(Romans 6:4 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rom.6.4.AMP>

A wedding ring doesn't make you married it shows that you are already married. It identifies you as a married person and you are no longer available.

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“Now when the men of the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) saw the confidence and boldness of Peter and John, and grasped the fact that they were uneducated and untrained [ordinary] men, **they were astounded, and began** to recognize that they had been with Jesus.”

(Acts 4:13 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/act.4.13.AMP>

People should be able to tell that you've been with Jesus.

“After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them too; for even your [Galilean] accent gives you away.”

(Matthew 26:73 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.26.73.AMP>

“The Trinity is one God composed of three co-equal persons who are one in essence and yet distinct in personalities.”- Dr. Tony Evans

Immerse them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do this through teaching.

C. Teaching

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Teaching them to learn the Word of God in order to **use the Word to express the authority of the Word** as the representative of the lordship of Jesus Christ as a disciple.

III.

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When you are a disciple and a disciple maker, you get to experience more of Jesus Christ, than if you are not.

Become a disciple and then make other disciples!

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- I have decided to follow Jesus;
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No turning back, no turning back.
2. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
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Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
3. My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.
4. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Answer Key:

I. Accepting the Power of Christ

II. Adhering to the Precepts of Christ

III. Appreciating the Day-to-Day Presence of Christ

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?
