



Becoming a Disciple-Making Culture

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The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20

The Power of Disciple Making – 11 People to change the world

- When they saw him, they worshiped him; **but some doubted** Matthew 28:17
 - o They wavered in their thinking
 - o The trauma of disappointment
 - What you have for us, is better than what I can have more myself
 - o The weight of responsibility for these Disciples
 - Jesus isn't leading the “Ministry” any more
 - The Disciples are a little lost and aimless
 - John 21:3 Peter told them, **“I'm going fishing.”** And they all replied, “We'll go with you.” So they went out and fished through the night, but caught nothing.
 - o Jesus has confidently planned for these 11 Disciples to Change the world
 - Atonement without messengers isn't effective
 - Having the cure to cancer and not giving it away
 - o Why is Disciple Making so important
 - The Penny problem

What does Disciple Making look like.

- Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been **given to me.** **19** Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations Matthew 28:18-19
 - o Imitate me as I imitate Christ – 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1
 - o In Disciple Making, we aren't replicating ourselves, we aim to replicate Christ through our lives – pointing to his authority, not our own
- **Disciple Making is rooted in relationship**
 - o The Spectrum of Discipleship
 - Discipline and Disciple share the same linguistic root
 - We live in a culture where there is abundance of content but a lack of connectedness



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- Programs in the church can providing great content and understanding of spiritual disciplines
 - **True Discipleship is disciplines working through relationship**
- To be an effective disciple maker, foster relationships where the spiritual disciplines embodied in your life are visible and replicable for others to follow.
 - **Discipleship isn't accomplished when you do ministry, its fulfilled when you bring someone to walk alongside you as you do that ministry**
 - Lets Shift our church into a culture of Disciple Makers
 - Disciple Making is focused on Lives forming other lives
 - People didn't just study text, they examined someone's LIFE
 - To be a disciple means to study and learn a Christ filled lifestyle

Making the shift towards a culture of Disciple Making

- **And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you – Matthew 28:20**
 - Discipleship is spelt OBEY – Nic Gilmour
- Lets start with parents
 - Parents are living with relentless pressure of their lives being an example
 - Parents are the main disciplers of their kids
 - Youth Groups and Christian schools are not enough to Disciple your Children
 - You have the largest influence in discipleship in your kids life
 - **True disciples make disciples**
 - Steward and environment where kids feel safe to learn, and have the responsibility to teach others
 - Your kids will make mistakes
 - You need to empower them through Trust
 - Model for our kids what it looks like to be a student (Be disciplined yourself)
 - Create an environment for your kids to learn
 - Be Spiritually Intentional in your home
 - **Eternity Changers** Printable resources (**SLIDE**) (eternitychangers.com/printables/)
 - Lets model to our kids a posture of being a student
 - How do we foster a culture of Discipleship in our home?
 - model for our kids what it looks like to have students (Disciples)



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- model for our kids what it looks like to be a student
- If you have been walking in the faith, you are ready to start discipling
 - **GO MAKE DISCIPLES – The responsibility is yours, not theirs**
 - A disciple maker is not a perfect person
 - Peter still made plenty of mistakes
 - You are not replicating yourself, you are pointing towards a relationship with Jesus, you point towards his authority
 - You remind yourself and your disciples of the grace of Jesus
 - You hold people accountable to a lifestyle of learning
 - You model for others what a life of faith looks like
 - You teach them how to pray, how to love, how to deny yourself
 - You teach them to obey, everything Jesus taught
 - John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
 - If you are busy in ministry, start being intentional about disciple making
 - Look to foster relationships where the spiritual disciplines embodied in your life are visible and replicable for others to follow.
 - A lot of our spiritual life is personal, doesn't happen in public, we need to invite people we disciple to witness that.
 - Get creative, look for opportunities
 - Communicate with intentionality your desire to disciple
 - Disciple disciples that make disciples
 - If you are new to the faith, seek out someone to disciple you.
 - Ask for intentionality, don't just sign up for a program
 - Sometimes our availability dictates our transformation
 - Is Christ inviting you to leave everything and come and follow him?
 - Options Here in our church for Discipleship
 - Mens Mentorship
 - Womens Bible Study
 - Mission Impact
 - Local Impacts
 - Mission Trips
 - Prayer