

Unleashing Your Disciple Making DNA Making Disciples Who Also Make Disciples

Session One - The Mission and Strategy of Jesus

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man **came** to **seek** and to **save** the lost.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give his life** as a **ransom for many**.

The mission of Jesus was, is and will be until He is finished is to **SEEK** and **SAVE** the lost. Jesus came to bring redemption to people. He invites us and commands us to actively participate with Him in His mission.

Matthew 4:18-22 **18** While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **19** And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed him. **21** And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. **22** Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

The invitation is to **FOLLOW**.

The promise is to be **MADE**.

The result is **TRANSFORMATION**

Four of the most overlooked words in the Bible...

...I WILL MAKE YOU...

This is Disciple Making - This is Mentoring

These four words reveal the **STRATEGY** of Jesus.

Jesus is saying, **FOLLOW ME** and I will **TEACH YOU HOW** and in the end, you will be transformed into **FISHERS OF MEN.**

Disciple Making is *inviting* people to follow Jesus and then *teaching* them how to follow Jesus - with the *end result* that they would *also invite* people to follow Jesus and *teach* them how to follow Jesus- with the *end result* they would *also invite...*

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DISCIPLE MAKING

33AD -350AD Christians were mainly known for whom they followed - Jesus. They were called “followers of the way”, Christian - “Little Christ’s” and they were identified by the Missional DNA of Christ.

Jesus’ Missional DNA

Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

ACTS 3

Silver and gold we do not have but what we have we give - in the name of Jesus get up and walk...

ACTS 4:13

And seeing the courage of Peter and John, seeing they were uneducated and simple men, they knew they had been with Jesus.

They possessed Jesus' **APPROACH.**

They possessed Jesus' **WISDOM.**

They possessed Jesus' **COURAGE.**

They bore the mission and message of their master - using HIS strategy in disciple making.

313AD Constantine, to unite the three factions of Rome, legalized Christianity.

The Gospel spread throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. The persecution was diminished and the church became more public. Buildings, Educational Institutions, Creeds, Statements of Doctrine and Belief, The Canon of Scripture... The Church gained the power of the state.

A shift began to occur... Christians were becoming more identified by **what** they believed than **who** they followed and the role of the clergy was to teach people **WHAT** to believe and teaching people **HOW** to follow Jesus diminished.

2019AD The Church is struggling to get the job done.

Based on a survey of more than 250 pastors around the world. (2015/16 for Doctoral Studies)

What are the primary goals of Disciple Making in your church today?

- **Spiritual Maturity** - Self feeding Christians...
- **Leadership** - Christians who can lead in the church and in their communities...
- **The Blessed Life** - Better marriages, better finances, better kids, better jobs...
- **Stronger Bottom Line** - More help, volunteers...

What is missing?

What is your church doing to actively make disciples who also make disciples?

- **Small Groups** - Circles are better than rows.
- **Affinity based ministries** - Men's, Women's, Youth...
- **Classes** - Membership, Doctrine, Apologetics, Bible Studies. Class on the basics (101, discovery class...)
- **Preaching** - (expository first, then life application)

What is missing?

What does your church need to do a better job of disciple making?

- More Disciples
- Better tools
- Funds
- Pastor of discipleship

What is missing?