

Unleashing Your Disciple-Making DNA – Making Disciples Who Also Make Disciples

The Process of Jesus

How did Jesus “MAKE” His followers into such great and effective disciple makers?

FOLLOW ME (*The Invitation*)

I WILL MAKE YOU (*The Promise*) **FISHERS OF MEN**
(*The Transformation*)

Working Definitions

Disciple Making - Disciple making is and always has been **INVITING** people to follow Jesus and then **TEACHING** them how, with the end result of transforming into a disciple who makes disciples who makes disciples who make disciples...

Follow/Follower Taking steps in the direction of Jesus that lead to walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

Believer then (33-350AD) Someone who has lives out the trust they have placed **in** Christ.

Believer now (2019AD) Someone who believes the right facts **about** Christ.

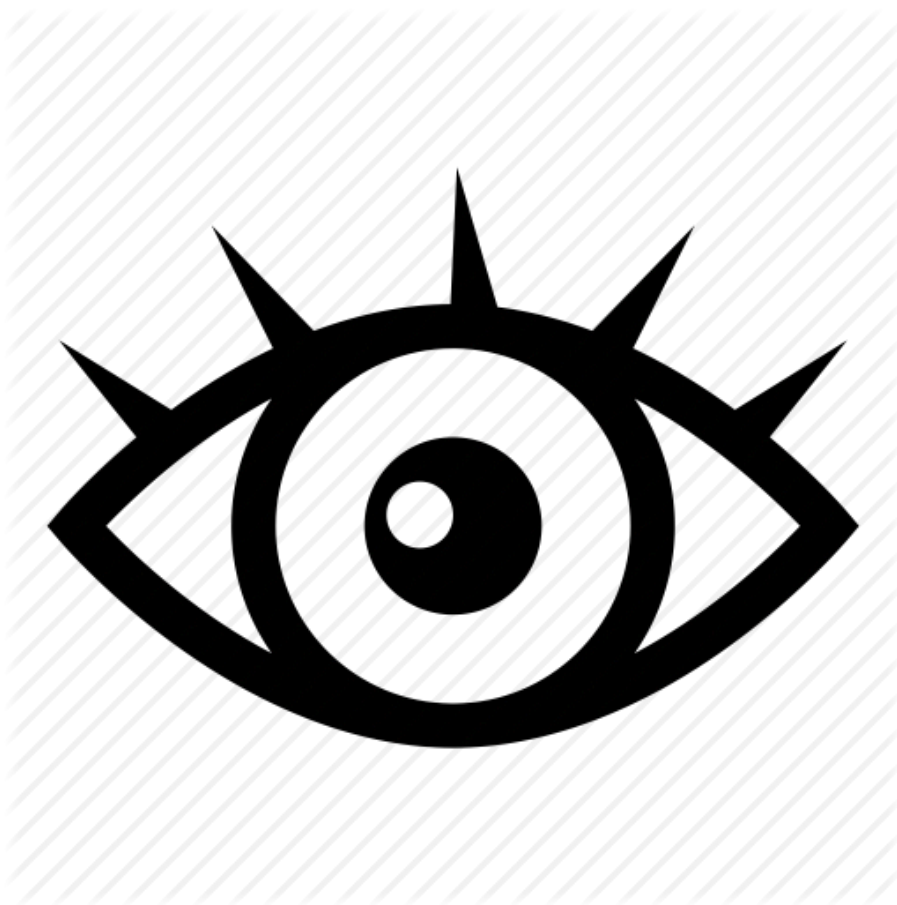
FOLLOW

Follow - Taking steps in the direction of Jesus that lead to walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

Matthew 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Following is about the eyes...

When a person follows Jesus there is a gradual process of surrendering their **POWER?**



TRUST

Trust - The process of placing the full weight of your life in the hands of Christ. As we follow and are becoming followers, the active ingredient in the transformation is **TRUST.**

Trusting is about our minds and our thinking.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding. (Do not let your mind talk you out of it.)

Romans 12 Renew your thinking...

Ephesians 4:23 ...be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

1 Corinthians 2:16 We have the mind of Christ...

2 Corinthians 10:5 Bringing every thought captive...

I follow and as I follow I trust.



LOVE

Love - The response to Christ's love that leads to obedience based living.

Love is what moves a follower to trust enough to **OBEY CHRIST.**

"If you love me, keep my commands." John 14:15

Love is always about the heart and is a response to knowing God's love.

1 John 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 4:19 We love because he loved us first. I follow and as I follow I trust. As I trust, I love.



IMITATE

Imitate - The intentional process of becoming like Christ for the purpose of **JOINING** Him in His mission.

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us... Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitating is about our Hands and Feet and Words. 1 Peter 2:21 Christ is our example

Philippians 2:3-8 Have the same attitude as Christ

John 13:12-15 I did this as an example for you

John 13:34 Love as I have loved you

John 15:9-11 As I have kept my Fathers commands, you too 1 John 2:6 Walk in the manner he walked

Ephesians 4:32 Forgive like Christ

I follow and as I follow I trust. As I trust I love and as I love I imitate.



BEAR FRUIT

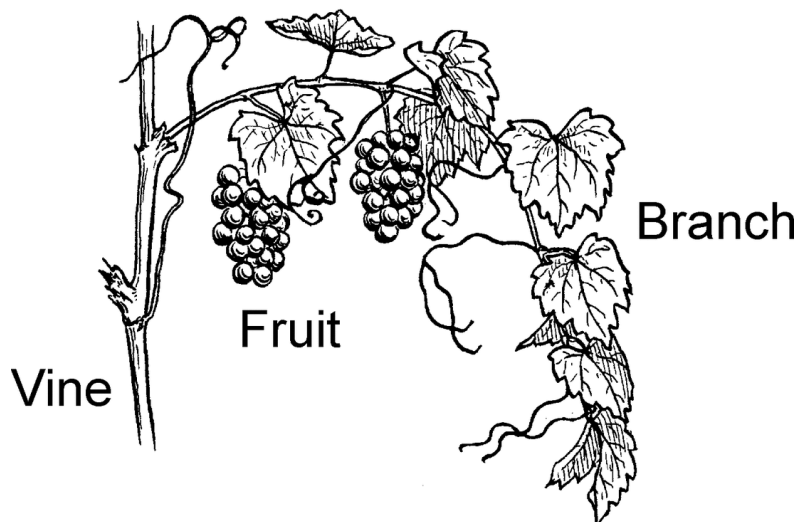
Bear Fruit - The intentional and multi-generational investment in others that produces **NEW AND CHANGED** lives.

John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide;...”

Bearing fruit is about abiding in Christ.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

I follow and as I follow I trust. I trust and as I trust I love. I love and as I love I imitate and as I imitate I bear fruit.



Raising Faith IQ

Knowledge - Truth, founded in **scripture**, community and experience, revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Skill - An ability gained that **moves knowledge** to the **playing field** of faith. Bible Study Skill, Prayer Skill, Relational Skill...

Habit - **Repeated disciplines** that tie knowledge and skills together. Daily reading plan, a spiritual adventure (30 Days of prayer) Fasting...

Relationship - Grace anchored truth, community supported faith, love driven mission, focused on the horizontal and vertical connections...

On the pages that follow:

Next to **Knowledge** let's write out some verses that speak to what is needed in the Jesus Process.

Next to **Skills** let's write some skills that might help someone develop in regards to the Jesus Process.

Next to **Habits** let's write out some daily or regular habits that will strengthen Knowledge and Skill in the Jesus Process.

Next to **Relationship** let's write some names of people who will be instrumental in encouraging and building **Faith IQ** throughout the Jesus Process.