

Sermon Notes

MAKING DISCIPLES

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2,000 years ago, Jesus issued a clear and unmistakable call and commission to make disciples. Today, we must respond with unprecedented passion to that call and commission if we are to see a new disciple-making movement launched in our churches, our cities, our nation, and around the world. There is a global pandemic of a lack of mature disciples and effective disciple-making processes that must be acknowledged and addressed. But where do we start and how do we team together to share truth and shape lives in Jesus that live to see the lost reached and disciples made? Yes, that is the right question. For Northwest Church, for New Song Nashville, and for every other Bible-believing, Jesus-honoring, Good News preaching, and good works practicing church. Here are some solid answers, born out of proven practices, that can show us clearly how to take believers from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity—people who follow Jesus fully, love Him supremely, and represent Him genuinely.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42; II Timothy 2:1-2

MAKING DISCIPLES MUST BE PERSONAL

- It takes **personal care** - always doing what is needed and best for each individual—spirit, soul and body.
- It takes **personal commitment** - valuing another's spiritual growth to such an extent that you stay with it and stay with them.
- It takes **personal cultivation** - helping people to sow good seed and reap a good harvest, and helping people lay a solid foundation on which to build a solid life in Jesus.

MAKING DISCIPLES MUST BE THOROUGH

- It requires **thorough teaching** - teaching that is biblical and systematic.
- It requires **thorough training** - training that is specific and practical.
- It requires **thorough tracking** - tracking that identifies and inspires progress.

MAKING DISCIPLES MUST BE REPRODUCIBLE

- A **reproducible process** - a process that is rooted in the word and the Spirit and connected to a common disciple making curriculum.
- A **reproducible path** - a way to travel with other Christ followers that is clearly mapped out and understood by all.
- A **reproducing person** - someone who can reproduce this process, as they walk others on this same disciple-making path.

This church has been taught so well for so very long by a Titan of Teachers. Pastor Steve Schell has left a legacy that has become a holy and healthy heritage in the Word. Let Pastor Ben help you build on that sacred foundation to become even more fruitful in the days ahead.