

Disciplemaking - Investing in Spiritual Reproducers

Part 1 - Evangelism

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I. Four reasons people have difficulty discipling people; four things the enemy uses to discourage or frustrate us.

A. People are extremely busy.

1. But you need only 1 or 2 that are interested.

2. Pray and ask God to give you someone interested in getting help; new believers need help with meaning, purpose, and direction.

B. Most people in the Church don't seem that interested.

1. Philippians 2:20 - This was true in Paul's day.

2. II Corinthians 8:16 - God is the one who puts interest in a man's heart; you act upon it. Don't be critical of the brothers around you; pray for them; love them; and someday some of them will get it.

3. John 21:22 - Follow Jesus and disciple people.

C. Most people just don't feel qualified to make disciples.

1. Good news... you don't feel qualified because you aren't. You don't feel adequate because you aren't. You don't have it apart from God. As you are going, He promises to be with you always.

2. II Corinthians 3:5 - Our sufficiency is of God.

3. Major Ian Thomas - "Any Old Bush Will Do".

4. John 15:4 - "Abide in Me".

D. Is disciplemaking for everyone?

1. God wants to use you in the lives of other people.

2. No matter what your spiritual gift is, every single one of us can personally make disciples.

3. Discipleship does not take a special gift, discipleship and disciplemaking is for everyone.

II. Matthew 28:16 - The last orders before Jesus left this earth. Eleven men... some were "doubtful".

A. Begin with evangelism.

1. Ask God every morning for an opportunity to witness that day; in the Church, and in the marketplace.
2. “Evangelistic relationships” AND “relational evangelism” - SHARE the message.
3. Be ready - God will present opportunities. Carry a tract with you wherever you go.
4. Two great reasons to witness:

a. To bring honor and glory to God - He died for people...

“He desires that all men be saved” - I Timothy 2:4

b. The need of man

“Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But how shall they ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?” Romans 10:13-4

B. Make disciples - Christianity is INclusive, not EXclusive - “whosoever will”.

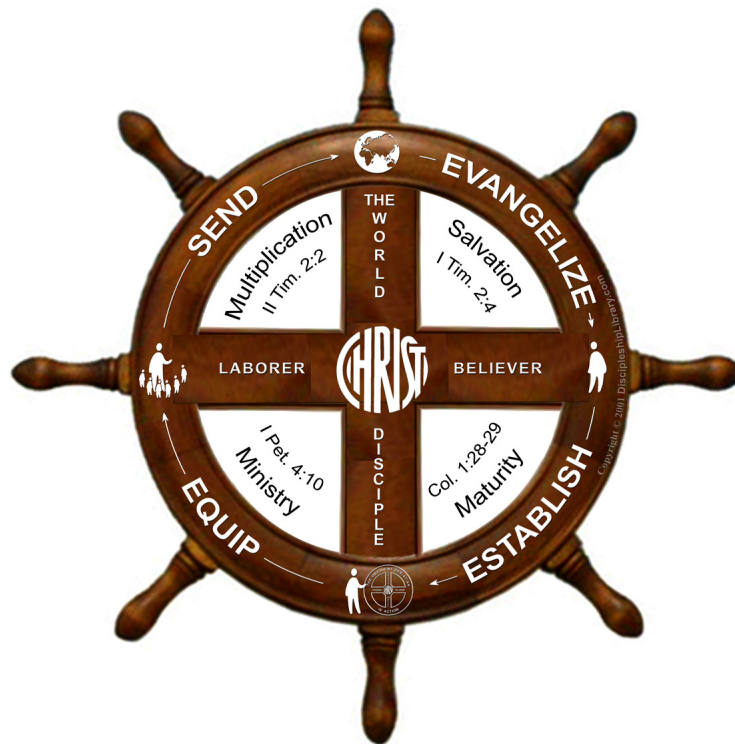
1. Help new converts to obey all Jesus commanded, including His final command to “make disciples.” We are not finished helping a man until he becomes a disciplemaker. Multiplication of disciples is how God intends to get the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
2. Adopt ‘orphaned’ believers who want to begin maturing as disciples of Jesus. You can meet with someone 3 times a week, if you are willing to buy their lunch...

C. Go to all the nations - to all people groups.

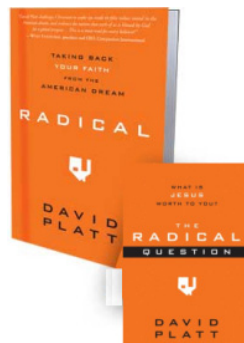


D. Our job is to disciple people and help them become disciplemakers:

1. Evangelize (out in the world).
2. Establish in the basics (make disciples).
3. Equip with skills and tools (with emphasis on an individuals spiritual gift, help them get training for ministry (equipped)).
 - Discover your spiritual gift.
 - Dedicate your gift to the Lord.
 - Develop your gift.
 - Deploy your gift in ministry.
4. Send back to their sphere of influence and out into the nations / people groups to multiply - to be disciplemakers.



C. Read the New York Times Bestseller “*Radical*”.



Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream
By: David Platt

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