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Shepherd's Community Church
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Selected Scriptures

“Growing in Your Relationship with the Lost World: *Making Disciples*”

INTRO: Where are your men / women?

- Bill Hull in his book, “*Choose the Life*” (Grand Rapids: Baker Books), says that the problem we are having in churches today is that “*many people believe the right things in their heads about Jesus but do not follow him*” (p. 18). He goes on to say (pp. 19-20) that true discipleship is:
 - Believing what Jesus believed (Transformed Mind)
 - Living the way Jesus lived (Transformed Character)
 - Loving the way Jesus loved (Transformed Relationships)
 - Ministering the way Jesus ministered (Transformed Service)
 - Leading the way Jesus led (Transformed Influence)
- Hull later says (p. 36) that if we are following the New Testament model, discipleship should look like this:
 - A disciple submits to a teacher who teaches him or her how to follow Jesus
 - A disciple learns Jesus' words
 - A disciple learns Jesus' way of ministry
 - A disciple imitates Jesus' life and character
 - A disciple finds and teaches other disciples for Jesus

I. The Mandate of Discipleship

A. The _____ – Mt. 28:18-20

B. The _____ – Col. 1:28-29; 2 Timothy 2:1ff

II. The Methods of Discipleship

A. _____ Methods (Robert E. Coleman, “The Master Plan of Evangelism”)

1. Selection (Luke 6:13 – a few)
2. Association (Mt. 28:20; Mk. 3:13f)
3. Consecration (Mt. 11:29 – obedience, loyalty)
4. Impartation (Jn. 20:22 – spiritual power; life of Christ)
5. Demonstration (Jn. 13:15 – way of life)
6. Delegation (Mt. 4:19 – give them work; evangelism)
7. Supervision (Mt. 8:17 – patient, yet determined supervision)
8. Reproduction (Jn. 15:16; Mt. 28:19 – evangelism is not done by something, but by someone! Men are God's method! Not better methods, but better men – men who know their Redeemer from something more than hearsay – men who see His vision and feel His passion for the world – men who are willing to be nothing in order that He might be everything – men who want only for Christ to produce His life in and through them according to His own good pleasure.)

B. _____ Methods (Win, Train, Send)

1. Wins converts to Christ – Acts 14:6ff
2. Returns to his converts – Acts 14:21
3. Strengthens his converts – Acts 14:22
4. Encourages his converts – Acts 14:22

5. Observes leadership potential – Acts 14:23
6. Commends the disciples to the Lord – Acts 14:23
7. Continues to be interested – Acts 15:26
8. Continues to teach – Acts 16:4
9. Results in a church that multiplies – Acts 16:5

III. The Principles of Discipleship

- A. Determine the _____ as to specific people in whom you should invest your life.
- B. Focus on the _____, not just the _____ (qualities like: _____, _____, _____, and _____).
- C. Determine the _____ of each individual and meet them at their point of need (biblical knowledge; godly character; ministry skills). Begin with group exercises and expect differing experiences.
- D. Conduct discipleship in a _____ (T.L.C. – _____).
- E. Realize that spiritual growth takes place by the _____ of the _____ through _____ to the _____.
- F. There should be _____ between the discipler and the disciples (“With Me Principle” – Mk. 3:13f).
- G. It should involve both the _____ and the _____; both the _____ and _____ (Mark 4:1, 10; John 4:27ff).
- H. Discipleship should be _____ (don’t move on until the person has truly changed. Not just information, but transformation).
- I. Stress _____ rather than _____ (see chart).
- J. Discipleship must be given _____ (it is God’s! Too easily we have settled for less than God’s best by allowing the world to set our agenda while the priorities of heaven are ignored).
- K. Key principle is to _____ (Luke 6:40 – if a person you disciple becomes exactly like you what will their strengths and weaknesses be?).

IV. The Goals & Objectives of Discipleship

- A. Howard Hendricks’ goals:
 1. Teach the disciple to study the Bible
 2. Teach the disciple to use the Bible
 3. Teach the disciple to pray
 4. Teach the disciple to evangelize
 5. Teach the disciple to have faith
 6. Teach the disciple to live by the Spirit
 7. Teach the disciple to obey absolutely
 8. Teach the disciple to love God and man
 9. Teach the disciple to fellowship
 10. Teach the disciple to be a servant
 11. Teach the disciple to submit to authority
 12. Teach the disciple to think theologically
 13. Teach the disciple to have a world vision
 14. Teach the disciple to disciple others
- B. Leroy Eims’ objectives:
 1. Assurance of salvation – 1 John 5:11f; John 10:28-30
 2. The Quiet Time
 3. Victory over sin – 1 Cor. 10:13

4. Separation from sin
5. Christian fellowship – Heb. 10:24-25
6. The Bible
 - a. Hearing the Word
 - b. Reading the Word
 - c. Studying the Word
 - d. Memorizing the Word – Ps. 119:9, 11
 - e. Meditating on the Word
 - f. Applying the Word
7. Prayer
8. Personal testimony
9. Lordship of Christ / Obedience
10. Faith – 2 Cor. 5:7
11. Love
12. The tongue – James 3:1-12
13. The use of time
14. The will of God
15. The Holy Spirit
16. Satan – know your enemy
17. Dealing with sin
18. Assurance of forgiveness – 1 John 1:9
19. Second Coming of Christ – 1 Thess. 4-5; Mt. 24-25
20. Witnessing
21. Follow-up
22. Giving – 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8-9
23. World vision – Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

V. Responsibilities of Discipleship

- A. _____ for your disciples – 1 Thess. 3:10; 2 Thess. 1:11
- B. _____ your disciples – Phil. 1:8-11; 1 Thess. 2:8-12
- C. _____ your disciples
- D. _____ your disciples (when necessary) – Mt. 16
- E. _____ for your disciples (you cannot give away what you do not possess – Luke 6:40)
- F. Expect _____ (change)
- G. Give all _____ to God – 1 Cor. 3:6-7

VI. Tools of Discipleship

- A. The Meeting (one suggested way if you have limited time)
 1. Personal (10 minutes)
 2. Progress (10 minutes)
 3. Principles & Practice (40 minutes)
 - Share Scripture (what God is teaching you)
 - Share Schedule (what you are doing with your time)
 - Share Relationships (who you are impacting for the glory of God)
 - Share Personals (how you are doing in various areas of your life)
 - Share Prayer (pray for one another)
 - Share Christ in you! It is not our intellectual acknowledgement that indicates our values but our SCHEDULE and our CHECKBOOK.
- B. The Management – Notebook
 1. Devotional

- Prayer pages
- Bible reading chart
- Quiet time notes
- 2. Organizational
 - To Do List
 - Planning page
 - Schedule
 - Finance page
- 3. Developmental
 - Sermon notes
 - Bible study notes
 - Scripture memory page
 - Idea page / Goal sheet

C. The Ministry

1. Call them to _____ in a specific ministry for an extended period of time
2. Encourage them to _____ in that ministry as well

D. The Materials

1. The Bible
2. Discipleship notebooks & sermons
3. Scripture Memory Packets
4. Discipleship books
5. Biographies

Discussion Questions:

1. In Discipleship 1: Lesson 1 we said that there were six steps to train someone to be a reproducing disciple-maker [1. Teach them what. 2. Teach them why. 3. Show them how. 4. Supervise them as they do it themselves. 5. Supervise them as they teach/do it with others. 6. Send them out to reproduce / multiply.]. Have you ever been disciplined like that by someone? Why or why not? Are you currently being disciplined like that by someone? Why or why not? Are you currently discipling someone else like that? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think so many people that claim to be followers of Jesus are disobeying Jesus by not choosing to make disciples? What would you say to someone in that situation?
3. According to Luke 6:40 a disciple that is fully trained will become just like his/her teacher. If you disciplined someone to become just like you what would their strengths and weaknesses be?
4. What could you start saying “no” to today so you could find the time to say “yes” to making disciples like Jesus commanded?
5. Where are your men / women?