

Following Jesus: Make Disciples!

Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction

This series is intended to define what it means to be a follower of Christ and how we are to be committed to helping others become disciples.

- We must know what a disciple is before we can begin to engage in our call to make disciples.
- A disciple of Jesus Christ is called to be a committed and devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
- ***Christ has charged His people to continue His mission to make disciples and build the church.***

Point #1: Jesus' authority guarantees the ongoing mission of the church.

1. Our risen Lord has authority over all nations and all people to whom we are called as disciple makers.
2. Jesus has authority over us, and our call to follow Christ involves obeying his call to participate in his mission.
3. It is the highest privilege any human can have to represent Jesus Christ, under his authority, to others.

Point #2: It is our ongoing responsibility as followers of Christ to be making disciples.

1. We must view the command of verse 19 to "make disciples" to be as relevant and authoritative as any other command of Scripture.
2. This command from our Savior is directed to the church regardless of our maturity, strengths or weaknesses as believers. It is relevant and to be obeyed by all believers.
3. We must have this responsibility pressed upon our hearts before we begin to learn the "hows" of discipleship.
4. ***How can you grow in your responsibility to make disciples?***
5. ***What would it look like practically for you to begin to obey this commandment?***

Point #3: Our ongoing mission of making disciples is empowered by Christ's presence.

1. Jesus' presence is our comfort and strength as we go and make disciples.
2. Jesus is with us each day, every day, in every situation as we speak to others about Jesus.
3. ***How should the reality of Jesus' presence help and encourage you as you work to make disciples?***