

Disciple-Making

The Ongoing Process of the Disciple:

Building intentional relationships so that others come to know Jesus and become more like Him by living as disciples who make disciples.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

What is a disciple?

A disciple is a follower of Jesus who loves, obeys and desires to bring others to Jesus.

What is discipleship?

Discipleship is investing in the life of another and helping him/her learn to see Jesus as Savior and Lord.

How do you make disciples?

Develop a relationship in which someone gains knowledge about the Gospel, watches you model the Christian life, and practices following Jesus with you.

What is our end goal?

A discipleship movement that creates a community of disciples who make disciples.

Other Place

A place you already exist with non-believers (neighborhood, work, family, kids' school or events, etc.)

In the Ongoing Process of Disciple-Making, What Is Your Next Step?

Here are some ideas:

1. Pray about building a relationship with someone in your other place.

- Pray two to three times a week about who God wants you to build a relationship with in your other place.
- Let your Growth Group or family and friends know you are praying about identifying a person in your other place so they can join you in prayer.
- Believe that God will bring this person across your path!

2. Start building a relationship with someone in your other place.

- Get to know someone by having coffee or a meal with them after work and listen to their story.
- Instead of eating lunch by yourself, invite someone you work with to join you.
- While watching your child's practice or sporting event try having a conversation with other parents and get to know them, instead of just checking social media.
- Seek common interests with others and find a time to do the activity together (golf, fishing, scrapbooking, exercising, etc.)
- Genuinely care about people by listening to what they are passionate about, celebrating their birthday or meeting a specific need.

3. Begin to actively share the Gospel with someone in your other place.

- Invite them to a church service or church event.
- Invite them to your Growth Group.
- Introduce them to Christian friends.
- Prayerfully look for an opportunity to share your story and the Good News of Jesus.

4. Help a new believer grow to become more like Jesus!

- Encourage them to go through Rooted and consider going through it with them.
- Attend an Equipping Class together.
- Attend a Growth Group or Wednesday Night together.
- Read the Bible together.
- Watch and discuss a RightNow Media video.
- Go through a study on the Through the Word app.

Remember, this is NOT a checklist to do or complete, but a lifelong process to be engaged: a lifestyle. Sometimes you may just be praying about who to disciple. At other times, you may be regularly meeting with someone for Bible study while also beginning a relationship with someone who does not yet know the Lord. The key is that we are all commanded by Jesus to make disciples and should always be at some point on this continuum.