

Strategy of Grace – Raising Spiritual Parents
Matthew 28:19-20

What is God’s solution to raising spiritual parents? Growing up Spiritually?

- 1) **Pursue the Lord’s pattern in raising disciples Matt 4:18-22**
- 2) **Pursue the Lord’s exhortation to raise spiritual children** 1 Thes. 2:7-8, 10-12; 3:2; Heb. 5:12-14; Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:28; 19:14; 28:18-30; Mar. 6:7

What is the wisest approach to help 80% of the congregation become spiritual parents (disciple-makers)? Some possibilities:

- Disciple through worship services to become spiritual parents
- Disciple through Fellowship Groups
- Disciple through small groups, where multiple people get opportunities to lead the group in different capacities.

What has to be true for a legitimate home group? It must have:

- Biblical Foundation – Matt. 7:24-27; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- Relational Environment – 1 Cor. 12:25
- Intentional Discipleship – Eph. 4:11-13
- Reproducible Process – Matt. 28:19-20

*The Lord Jesus is our example and
He exhorted us to become spiritual parents.*

- Jesus is looking for followers not fans.
- Jesus loves you where you are, but where you are Jesus wants you to keep growing.
- Life is about Jesus Christ and His message to disciple others, i.e. raise spiritual parents.

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) How were you or were you taught to be an adult who was ready to raise children?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) In Deuteronomy 6:6, where is the word supposed to be solidified? _____. What will that look like according to the larger context of Deut. 6:1-9?
- 3) How many times was Peter called to follow by Jesus? _____. (compare John 1:35-42 with Matt. 4:18-20). What do you suppose was going through Peter’s mind?
- 4) What are the three challenges Jesus makes in Luke 9:57-62?
 - a) _____ ; _____ ; _____
 - b) What are examples of challenges today that you face in considering the invitation by Jesus (Luke 9:57-62)? How do they hinder disciples from being fully committed to follow Jesus?

Application of the message to life:

- 5) Do you experience the miracle and joy of taking responsibility for discipling others in Jesus? How is that more fulfilling than regular human responsibilities?
- 6) According to the statistics mentioned in the message, what will happen if we do not disciple others to disciple people? What specific steps would you encourage others to take?
- 7) What are three things you might have to do or rearrange in your life to disciple other people?