

## Strategy for Grace - Growing Disciple-Makers

Matt. 4:18-20

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### What do you need to make committed disciples?

**Understand what a disciple is:** What is a disciple? Learner, follower: the curious, convinced and committed. (cf. John 1:43-46; 2:1-2; 2:22; **Matt 4:18-22**)

#### A committed disciple is:

- **Committed to following Jesus.** Luke 9:23; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21
- **Committed to being changed by Jesus.** Rom. 8:29; 12:2
- **Committed to the mission: growing disciples who are making disciples.** Matt. 28:19-20

Who is called to be a disciple-maker? \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Understand four keys to develop Disciple-making:

- 1) **Biblical Foundation** – Your understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ will deepen your desire to please Him and fulfill His will to make disciples who make disciples. Matt. 7:24-27; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- 2) **Intentional Discipleship** – This takes the accidental out of discipleship Eph. 4:11-13. Jesus had intentional actions. Matt 14:15-18, 27-31; Luke 10: 1; 22:7-13; John 6:5-6
- 3) **Relational Environment** – it must be small enough for open communication and trust. 1 Cor. 12:25 Must spend time with the people Deut. 6:7-9 in real teaching to establish a biblical worldview. John 17:17; Matt. 4:4; Ps. 119:105
- 4) **Reproducible Process** – we must develop a process to reproduce or all we will do is add. Matt. 28:18-20

What would the model look like?

- It has to deal with fear factors – failure; fool; fake
- It has to deal with trust in relationships
- It has to deal with talking with others (people don't want to be wrong)
- It has to provide OJT because we learn by doing
- It has to amply provide encouragement with accountability

**Jesus calls you to be His committed disciple.** How? Acts 1:8, 6-11

- Discipleship is a flexible step by step process. Disciples are shown how to take each step. Everyone learns by trial and error. You need an environment whereby you can make mistakes. You need someone to pick you up and encourage you to get back in the battle. Luke 9:1-3
- Disciples are those committed to Jesus, who will change them. However, He will change you only as you humbly request His change and put into practice what you are learning. Change will not happen by listening only Jam. 1:22
- Discipleship occurs in an intentional, relational environment. Relationships that keep picking you up and helping you become fishers of men. Matt 4:18-22

### Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) How many children did your grandparents have? How many children came from those children? How many grandchildren and great grandchildren?

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 2) What are examples of how parents disciple children physically and spiritually (cf. Deut. 6:5-9)?
- 3) What are five things that prevent Christians from becoming spiritual parents?
- 4) What does it look like to be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ?
- 5) Of the four keys to develop Disciple-making, which do you think is the most important? Why?

#### **Making application from the message:**

- 6) What are the three most difficult challenges people face in becoming spiritual parents in Indianapolis? How can we work together to overcome them?
- 7) What are possible changes a committed disciple would need to make in order to be considered committed?