



Biblical Disciple Making, Part 1

How Jesus Made Disciples?

Key Text

“Therefore **go** and **make disciples** of all the nations. . . .!”

Jesus Christ

Strategy Question

HOW DO WE MAKE DISCIPLES?

1. We make disciples the way Jesus did?

- He set the standard in the gospels
- The church simply followed suit

2. We make disciples the way the church did?

- The church made disciples differently
- We're to follow the church

How Jesus Made Disciples

To understand how Jesus made disciples

1. We must determine to whom He spoke (His audiences)
2. We must examine what He said to them (His messages)

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JESUS' AUDIENCES

1. The crowd
2. The disciples
3. The crowd and disciples

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JESUS' AUDIENCES

1. The Crowd (Mt. 8:1, 18; 12:46; Mk. 1:33, etc.)
 - Varied in size (e.g. feeding of 5,000, etc.)
 - Ministry: Healing, casting out demons, teaching.
 - Most weren't believers (Jews)
 - Purpose was to reach them (Mt. 9:35-38)
 - Some came to faith (Mt. 8:18-22; 17:14-15)

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2. The Disciples (Mt. 5:1-2, 11:1; Mk. 8:31, etc.)

- Those who obeyed Jesus' call to follow Him and became believers.
- Two groups
 - A narrow circle: The Twelve
 - A broad circle: A variety of men and women

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A NARROW CIRCLE: THE TWELVE

- Made up the critical core of His disciples
- They left family, friends, occupations, etc. to follow him (Mt. 19:27, 29)
- They became the main focus of his ministry (He moved from the crowd to the core-Jn. 13-17)
- He prepared them for their role in leading His church (Acts)
- They were divided into smaller groups (inner circle: Peter, Andrew, James, and John)

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A BROADER CIRCLE: OTHERS

- A variety of men and women who believed in Jesus and followed Him (Lk. 6:13, 8:1-3).
- Some in groups and others as individuals.
- Examples: Zacchaeus, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus.

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JESUS' AUDIENCES

3. The Disciples and the Crowds (Mk. 8:31, 34; Lk. 6:17-10; 7:1 etc.)

“Then he called the **crowd** to him **along with his disciples. . . .**”

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JESUS' MESSAGES

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JESUS' MESSAGES

1. To the Crowd (Lk. 14:25-33)

“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-yes even his own life-he cannot be my disciples. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.’”



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JESUS' MESSAGES

1. To the **Crowd** (Lk. 14:25-33)

- Jesus is teaching the **crowd** (unbelievers) what they must do to become believers (disciples).
- But how do we square Lk. 14:25-33 with grace?
- His message must be **personalized** by each who hears it according to his or her **own life circumstances!***



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JESUS' MESSAGES

- What's one's life circumstances that are preventing him/her from coming to faith?

Example

Issue

Rich young man (Mt. 19:16-22)

Wealth

Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37)

Race

Crowd (Lk. 14:25-33)

Family



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JESUS' MESSAGES

2. To the Disciples (Lk. 14:25-33)

- Teachings that only apply during Jesus' earthly ministry (Mt. 10:5-15).
 - Go to Israel
 - Heal the sick, raise the dead
 - Take no bag for the journey
 - Shake the dust off your feet
- Five of Jesus' primary teachings on discipleship that apply today.*



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JESUS' PRIMARY TEACHINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP

1. Follow Jesus: What disciples are supposed to do (Mt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17; Lk. 5:27).
2. Serve Jesus: What it means to follow Jesus: (Jn. 12:26; Mt. 20:26-28).
3. Deny self, take up cross, and follow: How they followed (Mt. 16:24-26 Lk. 9:23-25).
4. Follow Christ's teaching, love one another, and bear fruit: Marks of a true disciple (Jn. 8:31-32; 13:34-35; 15:8).



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JESUS' PRIMARY TEACHINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP

5. Become fishers of men: result of following
(Mt. 4:19; Mk. 1:7)

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JESUS' MESSAGES

3. To the Disciples and Crowd (Mk. 8:31-38; Lk. 6:17-7:1)
 - The disciples (Mk. 8:31-33)
 - The crowd (Mk. 8:34-38)

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SUMMARY

“Overall, discipleship teaching that is directed to the crowds deals with the act of becoming a disciple (evangelism), whereas teaching directed to the disciples deals with growth in discipleship (Christian growth).”

Michael Wilkins, *Following the Master*, 36.