

Making Disciples Through Relationships

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Jesus says our purpose as disciples is to make more disciples.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- We often associate the idea of making disciples with the word evangelism.
- Making disciples means more than evangelism or just sharing our theology.
- While evangelism can be good, people need to see and experience Jesus through relationship.

Example: Luke 19:1-4

"Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way."

- We are surrounded by people looking for hope.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- God calls us to include others in our lives through relationship.

Relationships cost us...

- Our Time.
- Our Comfort.
- Our Pride.

...but relationships reap transformed lives!

When we include others, we partner with God in what he's already doing.

Mark 4:26-29: *And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."*

Ask God who he is calling you to include?

Write down one name

Commit to:

- Praying for this person daily
- Connecting with them sometime this week
- Sharing how God has worked in your life