

# Getting the Jelly Back

Part 9 of the *Disciple* series

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*Church is like a jelly donut without the jelly. Everybody talks about the jelly, but few experience it.* Unknown

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...*

Matthew 28:19

God's plan for you is not only that you would be a disciple but that you would go and make disciples.

Lessons from Paul on how to make disciples...

- Faith in God is the foundation of our work in making disciples.
- Love for Jesus & people is the only thing strong enough to motivate you to the level of sacrifice that will be called for.
- Hope in Christ is what will keep you going to the very end.

If you want to make disciples, you not only need to be willing to teach the truth but to live out the truth as well.

Making disciples happens when we care enough to...

- Humbly sacrifice for one another.
- Share the gospel of God with one another
- Share our lives with one another.

*Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

- Encouragement comes along when you're discouraged and says "*together, we can do this.*"
- Comfort comes along when you're feeling uneasy or grieved and says "*it's going to be OK.*"
- Urging comes along when you're ready to throw in the towel and says "*nothing matters as much as following Jesus. I'm praying for you, I'm here for you. Keep pressing on.*"

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## Next Steps

- Find a small group where you can begin to be discipled to make disciples by filling out the connection card & checking the box that says "I would like to join a small group."

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 with your spouse, children, or small group and then answer the following questions...

- Paul is talking to those he is discipling in this passage. If you had someone in your life discipling you, how would you want them to be like Paul?
- Take some time to re-read this passage only this time imagine that you are one of the people Paul is including in his references to "we", "us", & "our". How would your life be different if you were one of those discipling alongside of Paul? Would it be possible to disciple like this with the way you currently live your life? What are some of the changes you would need to make in your life today if you were to be investing in people's lives to this extent?
- Who is someone in your life that needs encouragement, comfort, & urging? What will you do this week to come alongside of them and help them?
- Pray for one another.