

## Disciple – Your One

- How many of you like gifts? How many like giving gifts?
  - There are different types of gifts.
  - Gifts that only benefit me – like shoes. Gifts that benefit those around me – like a smoker, vacuum, etc...
  - When it comes to the Gospel, what type of gift has it been in your life?
- Disciple
  - We are ending a series called “Disciple – Be one, make one.”
    - Living in submission to the Lord, living by the Holy Spirit, Prayer, giving, worship, spiritual gifting, sharing your faith, family builder, servant to others,
  - We have reviewed what a disciple looks like, but we are never done being a disciple of Christ.
    - “Discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction.” –Eugene Peterson
    - Champions aren’t built in a day, but built daily. - Mark Estas
  - A disciple is one who:
    - Follows Christ, is surrendered to Christ, is changed by Christ, and follows the mission of Christ.
- Your one
  - Everyone knows someone who needs to know God, who has walked away from God, abandoned God, or who has never known God.
  - **Luke 15:4-7** “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!
    - Jesus cares about the one.
    - The most effective person for reaching a person with the Gospel is someone who can relate to them and knows them.
      - The best person to reach a high school student is another high school student, a border patrol agent is another. God has placed you in specific areas to reach the lost.
      - **1 Corinthians 9:22-23** When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. 23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.
      - Who is your one? You have a tag. I want you to place the name of your one on that tag.
  - The reality is that you are Jesus’s one. He left heaven and came to this earth for you. You are so valuable to Jesus that he left heaven and came to earth for you.
    - Once you have found our mission is to then help somebody else find Jesus.
    - Jesus’ mission is for each one to find one.

- We are called to go out and tell and show
- Jesus changed the world with 12 people who committed their lives to finding another one.

**Romans 114-17** “For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. 15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. 16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. 17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

- Obligation (verse 14) - For I have a great sense of obligation
  - Opheiletēs (GK) – Debtor
    - When you are in debt, you want to pay back. Paul knows the gift he has isn’t just to bless him, it’s to bless another one. Then another.
    - How do you view the gospel?
  - To all
    - Not just to those you like to share the same thinking.
- Eager / A passionate believer - 15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome
  - Word passion means to be fervent in spirit. A spirit that is filled with the spirit of God. It means to keep at a boiling point. To move your spirit that is not just hot, but it’s boiling.
    - It’s a horrible thing to go through life and have low passion.
    - There are so many people used to coasting in life.
    - How many of you here have ever battled with lukewarmness?
  - When I think of passionate people, I think of athletes, extreme left or extreme right. There are passionate people in this room.
    - When I think of passionate people, Christians aren’t the first group of people that come to mind. Let’s change that.
    - We have to be passionate people. There is no room for a lukewarm relationship in our relationship with God.
    - Can you imagine having a lukewarm Jesus, then testifying to someone saying, I want to lead you to Christ because Christ will make you as lukewarm as I am. I want you to be filled with the same spirit as I am, halfhearted. But I’m not going to hell.
      - Impassionate people just get the task done. They don’t go above and beyond. If you ask them to do something, they will do the minimal requirements and get it done.
      - Passionate people go above and beyond. They aim for excellence.
    - Jesus was a passionate person. He loved people; he turned over tables because of his passion for the house of God. That same Jesus lives in you.
- Not ashamed - 16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ
  - Paul is not ashamed because passion consumes him.

- What are you passionate about? What you are passionate about is what you will talk about.
- Society tells us not to talk about politics and religion.
- We make inviting someone to church so much harder than it needs to be.
  - You and I will naturally talk about what we are passionate about.
  - I talk about sports, family all the time. It's so natural.
  - Why, when it gets to Jesus, do we make it so weird?
  - Do you think there are people out there who know you are a Christian but wonder why you never talk about Jesus? If there is a place full of hope, why aren't you sharing that hope?
  - Why are there so many people in our lives who desperately need what we have but are unwilling to give them what they need?
- In John 4, the woman experiences a life change. In verse 29, she runs into town and tells everyone. She doesn't go through partnership classes but goes into town and tells everyone about Jesus.
  - She didn't know everything, but she knew her life was changed. I can't change you, but I can introduce you to the one who can.
  - Telling someone about Jesus really comes down to faith and obedience. Do I have the faith in God to step out, and am I willing to be obedient to what God has called me to do?

#### - Power

- The Gospel is the power to change lives.
- God doesn't call you to a mission to figure out by yourself. He calls you to a mission that he will empower you to be able to do. He will fill in the gaps, we need to step out in boldness and hold tightly to Jesus and trust in the Holy Spirit.
  - Be obedient – you aren't called to be successful, you are called to be obedient. Success is a result of obedience, but God is the one who brings the increase, not you.
    - Jesus never measured his success by the other person's response. The rich young ruler walked out on Jesus.
    - You can only do all you can do, no more than you can do.
- Who is your one? Who is the one person in your life that you know needs to meet Jesus?
  - Everyone knows someone who needs to know God, who has walked away from God, abandoned God, or who has never known God.
  - Who is that person in your life?
  - God put you exactly where you are to be His messenger and mouthpiece in your current sphere of influence. Are you using that influence to stir people towards the heart of Jesus?

#### - Our plan

- If the church were filled with 100% of people just like you, what type of church would we have?
  - If they prayed like you? What type of church would it be?
  - If they read the Bible like you? Would we have a Bible focused church?
  - When it comes to your life of purity and thought life, would the church be pure?
  - When it comes to sharing your faith. Would it be a reproducing church?
  - We live in a culture that is competing so much for your time, talent, and treasure that its hard to be disciplined.
- Are you a disciple of Christ?
  - If you were arrested with a claim that you were a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? - Like produces like.

Do you model it? People will model what you do, not just what you say.