



Disciple Making

STEP 4B

Disciple making is a central calling for every Christian, reflecting Jesus' command to spread His teachings and help others grow in faith. Understanding disciple making equips us to live out the Great Commission and build God's kingdom.

Let's explore key scriptures to define disciple making, its importance, and how we can actively participate in it.

1. The Call to Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

2. Disciples Follow and Imitate Christ

Luke 9:23

"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"

3. Disciples Bear Fruit

John 15:8

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

4. Disciples Love One Another

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

5. Disciples Equip Others

2 Timothy 2:2

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Disciple making involves intentionally guiding others to follow Jesus, grow in faith, and replicate this process in others' lives. It requires personal commitment, teaching, and modeling Christlike character.

Ephesians 4:11-12

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

The Bible teaches that disciple making is not optional but a core part of the Christian life, impacting individuals and communities for eternity.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Disciple making transforms lives by spreading the gospel and fostering spiritual growth.

Colossians 1:28-29

"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

1. Based on Matthew 28:18-20, what does the Great Commission reveal about the scope and purpose of disciple making? How can you apply this call in your daily life?
2. Luke 9:23 describes the cost of discipleship as denying oneself and taking up the cross daily. What are some practical ways you can model this in your own life to inspire others to follow Christ?
3. According to John 15:8, bearing fruit glorifies God and proves discipleship. What types of "fruit" have you seen in your life or others' lives that reflect a growing relationship with Jesus? How can you encourage this in those you disciple?
4. John 13:34-35 emphasizes that love identifies disciples. Share an example where love (or lack of it) impacted a relationship or community. How can showing Christlike love strengthen your efforts in disciple making?
5. 2 Timothy 2:2 highlights the importance of equipping others to teach. What steps can you take to mentor or train someone in their faith journey? How can you identify "reliable people" to pass on what you've learned, as Paul instructed Timothy?