



DISCIPLE MAKING

BE WITH FACTOR

Objective for Learning: To understand the Biblical importance of socially and relationally connecting with the people you are discipling and the part that plays in holistic discipleship.

Objective for Living: To regularly invite those you are discipling/leading into your life on a regular basis with no real agenda.

Objective for Reproducing: To not only live this out in your own life but to be able to effectively instill this trait into those you are discipling, so they do this with the people they are discipling.

Scriptures for Being With Your Disciples:

- Mark 3:14
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- 1 Corinthians 4:15-16
- Luke 11:1
- Acts 4:13
- Luke 8:1-3
- 2 Timothy 2:2

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Mark 3:14 states that Jesus appointed the twelve that they *might be with Him* and He might send them out to preach and cast out demons. Jesus was very intentionally raising up His disciples to do the ministry He appointed them to do, but a crucial part of His discipleship happened relationally while His disciples were simply with Him.

Many of Jesus' day to day interactions, such as His miraculous work at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12), the healing of Peter's mother (Matt. 8:14-15), Jesus' interactions with lepers on the street (Luke 5:10b-13), and other everyday dealings helped to teach them the way of Jesus as much as the formal teachings that He gave them. Jesus knew that discipleship is not just taught; it is also caught.

Strong disciple-makers need to have time to show their disciples how to live out the way of Jesus in front of their eyes in practical terms, not just in the context of theoretical teachings or in the context of a Bible study. Much is gleaned through intimate imitation by watching a disciple-maker live out their faith in every circumstance, whether that is at home with their family, at work, during leisure time and activities, in public settings, etc. This type of organic discipleship must compliment the more formalized and organized discipleship dynamics to ensure a holistic balance of disciple-making takes place.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- What are some ways that you have "caught" discipleship by being around strong disciples and disciple-makers? What have you learned?
- Why did Jesus spend so much "non-ministry" time with His disciples?
- What is the Biblical reasoning for spending time with disciples without an agenda?

Questions for Reproducing:

- Brainstorm times and activities in your everyday life that would be good to invite someone in to.
 - Why would these be effective times to be with people you are discipling?
- Think through Biblical examples that you could share with others to reinforce the Biblical importance of the be-with factor.

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.