



DISCIPLE MAKING

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Objective for Learning: To realize the importance of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 and to learn why we must be intentional about this command.

Objective for Living: To actively seek out those who may be interested in entering into a discipleship relationship, and to intentionally baptize and teach them to observe all that Jesus commanded us to do.

Objective for Reproducing: To train others how to make disciples who then go and make more disciples.

Scriptures for Intentional Discipleship:

- 2 Timothy 2:2
- Titus 2:2-3
- Proverbs 9:9
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Luke 6:40
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- John 1:37-39
- Matthew 28:19-20
- 1 Corinthians 4:15-17
- Hebrews 13:7

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:

Intentional discipleship happens when disciples invite others into their lives to watch and experience life with them in a way that affords them the opportunity to imitate what they see. This is the crux of the Great Commission's call to teach them to obey, because the doctrine that matters is the doctrine that you do. It takes a doer of the Word to reproduce another doer of the word. Intentional discipleship is not just meeting up once a week to talk about how your week went, but is a relationship centered on the pursuit of Christ and the journey to become more like Him together in

all the areas of our lives. Intimate intimation is the key to cultivating intentional discipleship. This is done through both **organic** and **organized** times of discipleship. The organic side of discipleship has to do with relationships. Organic discipleship happens in the moments when you “catch” someone being a disciple simply because you are living life with them. How much you tip a waitress, how you respond in the face of a personal loss, having dinner at someone’s home and watching them interact with their family, witnessing to someone as you are getting groceries... these are the moments when organic discipleship takes place; as someone watches a disciple living it out in everyday life. Much like a child imitates his/her parent in regards to the words they say and the way they act, organic discipleship is likened to that type of intimate imitation simply by being around someone long enough to see the fruit of their life.

The organized side of discipleship has to do with intentional, thought-out times of teaching and instruction. Usually this happens at a scheduled, weekly meeting between a disciple and a disciple maker where prayer, Bible study, teaching, and doing spiritual disciplines together takes place. Other more organized gatherings, such as a microchurch, fall into the category of organized discipleship as well.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- Why do you think Jesus gave us the call to go make disciples as the last command He gave during His time here on earth? Why is this important to Him?
- What areas do you feel comfortable saying, “Follow me as I follow Christ?”
- What are some areas of your life that you would like to see improvement in before others follow you in those areas?
- What is keeping you from committing to making disciples?

Questions for Reproducing:

- How can you explain the importance of making disciples to others?
- How could you help someone overcome their fears of making disciples?
- How would you speak to someone and encourage them to make disciples if they feel unequipped? Unworthy? Not ready?

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.
- Write out the names of 2-5 people that you could potentially disciple and start praying about what that is supposed to look like?
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.