

“Go Make Disciples”

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Context: Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19–20 “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

cf. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44ff “All nations”

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▶ Responsibility of the teacher:

- To the message.
- Know the urgency of the message.
Romans 9:1; 10:1ff

▶ Responsibility of the taught:

- To the message.
- To know the urgency of the message.
“What must I do?” Acts 2; 9; 16

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Definition: “Disciple.”

- ▶ *matheteuo* to be a disciple or follower of another’s doctrine (Matthew 27:57); to make a disciple (Matthew 28:19; Acts 14:21); to instruct (Matthew 13:52) with the purpose of making a disciple.
- ▶ *matheteuo* means not only to learn, but to become attached to one’s teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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The Goal Of Discipleship.

- ▶ Stated by Jesus himself: to be like the teacher. Luke 6:40; cf. Romans 8:29; Galatians 4:19

Identifying Marks Of Discipleship

What Is A Disciple?

- ▶ One who abides in the words of Jesus.
John 8:31; Matthew 7:21ff; James 1:21–25
- ▶ One who loves the brethren.
John 13:34–35
- ▶ One who bears much fruit.
John 15:5, 8; cf. Matthew 5:13–16

Commitment

The Costs Of Discipleship

What Is A Disciple?

- ▶ Jesus must come first. Luke 14:26
 - Before family. Matthew 10:34-37
 - Before self. Luke 9:23-25
- ▶ Must be willing to suffer. Luke 14:27; 2 Timothy 3:12
- ▶ Renounce all that we have to follow Jesus. Luke 14:33; cf. John 6

Sacrifice

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The Rewards Of Discipleship

- ▶ Future blessings. Romans 5:9; cf. Romans 6:23; 11:22
- ▶ Present blessings.
 - Forgiveness. Acts 2:38
 - Prayer. 1 Peter 3:12
 - Peace. Philippians 4:4ff; 1 Peter 5:6
 - Family. Galatians 3:26ff; Romans 8:16-17

Trust

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The Beginning Of Discipleship

"Go make disciples." **TEACH**

God calls the lost through teaching.

John 6:44-45; Romans 10:8-13, 14-17;

Note: Acts 16:9-10

Make Disciples by Gospel Preaching.

Acts 2:14, 22, 36, 40

Preaching saves believers.

1 Corinthians 1:21; Romans 10:14-17

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- ▶ Choice of masters. (disciple). Acts 11:26, 21 ("Lord"), 23.
- ▶ Choice of conduct. cf. 1 Peter 4:1-5.
- ▶ **Repentance Must Occur. Acts 11:18.**
- ▶ Radical change in life because:
 - Die to sin. Galatians 2:20.

Choice. cf. Romans 6:16-18

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TEACH- Disciples are not made by the gospels of men:

1. Social gospel: Converted to recreation and social activities.
2. Ecumenical gospel: Unity in moral and doctrinal diversity is sin (**Galatians 1:8-9; 2 John 9-11**).
3. Denominational gospels: Faith only, universalism, etc.
4. Latter-day gospels: LDS, JW's, Adventists, Premillennial, etc.

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"Go make disciples." **BAPTIZE**

Water baptism is essential:

- ▶ For a relationship with God. Matthew 28:19 (Galatians 3:27)
- ▶ For salvation. Mark 16:16 (1 Peter 3:21)
- ▶ For remission of sins. Acts 2:38
- ▶ For cleansing. Acts 22:16
- ▶ For new life in Christ. Romans 6:3-4

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"Go make disciples." **TEACHING THEM**

- ▶ Bible teaching and learning is to a new Christian what milk is to a new baby. 1 Peter 2:2; cf. Acts 2:41, 46; 5:12, 42
- ▶ God measures spiritual strength and maturity by our interest in, our commitment to and our growth in learning and living God's word. Hebrews 5:11-12.

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Are You A Disciple?

- ▶ One who **seeks** to be like Christ.
- ▶ One who **abides** in His word.
- ▶ One who **loves** the brethren.
- ▶ One who **bears** much fruit.
- ▶ One who **puts Jesus first**, no matter the cost.
- ▶ One who **enjoys the blessings** and **shares in the responsibilities** of being in Christ.

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