

# Make Disciples Who Make Disciples

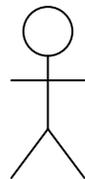
“It is the nature of a disciple to make more disciples. They can’t help themselves—this is who they are.”  
— David Watson

## 3 Simple Skills

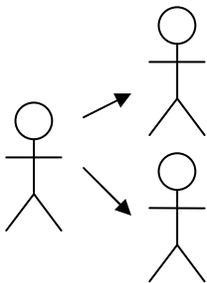
Every believer must develop personal discipling skills. In order to multiply discipling makers, you must first be a discipling maker. Jesus was a discipling maker. He launched a movement of discipling makers.

### Skill #1: FOLLOW JESUS!

- FAITH HABITS – loving Jesus || embracing the Cross
- LOVE HABITS – loving One Another || experiencing Community
- HOPE HABITS – loving the Lost || engaging the Culture

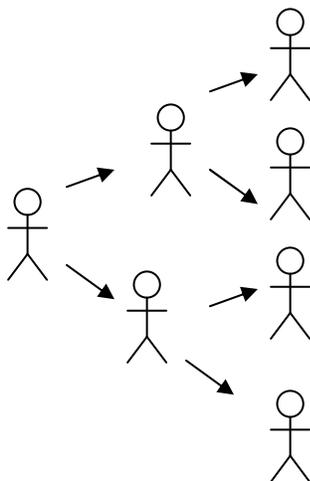


### Skill #2: HELP OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS!



- 5 Practices (Go, Make Disciples., Baptize, Teach, Obey)
- Teach to OBEY (7 Commands)
- Utilize a process that moves people forward
  - o Discover Bible Studies
  - o LTGs
  - o SOAP Journaling

### Skill #3: HELP OTHERS TO HELP OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS!



- Work toward the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation
- Don't just tell them what to do – do it with them – “with me”
- Keep on helping people to follow Jesus
- Reproducible methods
- This is your responsibility. Not an option.

# Christ's Strategy – Obedient Disciple Makers

The time which Jesus invested in these few disciples was so much more by comparison to that given to others that it can only be regarded as a deliberate strategy. He actually spent more time with His disciples than with everybody else in the world put together. He ate with them, slept with them, and talked with them for the most part of His entire active ministry.

— Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*

## Disciplemaking starts with non-disciples!

Since Jesus sent us to make disciples who would obey all that He commanded - our focus must not be on preaching for "decisions" but aimed at making obedient disciples.

Make obedient disciples. Then you will see churches multiply. If you just get intellectual decisions, they may believe right, they may know all the dispensations and the covenants, and they may know this and that, but what do you have? Are they multiplying churches? Are they fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ? Are they actually doing what Christ ordered?

— George Patterson, *The Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches*

Christ's main commands:

1. **REPENT AND BELIEVE** (Mark 1:15)
2. **BE BAPTIZED & BAPTIZE** (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38)
3. **LOVE** (John 13:34)
4. **CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER** (Luke 22:17-20)
5. **PRAY** (John 16:24)
6. **GIVE** (Matthew 6:19-21)
7. **MAKE DISCIPLES** (Matthew 28:19-20)

“If the heart of discipleship is to become like Jesus, then...we see that Jesus' strategy is to get a whole lot of little versions of him infiltrating every nook and cranny of society by reproducing himself in and through his people in ever place throughout the world.”

— Alan Hirsch, *The Forgotten Ways*

# The Supremacy of the Great Commission

“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.”  
–Matthew 28:19-20

“The object is not to find them, gather them, or improve them. The object is to make them.”  
–John Edmund Kaiser, *Winning on Purpose*

## 5 Practices of Disciple Making

### 1. GO

- Get out there. You have been sent. John 20:21 – Jesus said, “As the Father sent Me, I also send you.”
- Join something    - Hang out    - Serve someone    - Bless
- Be friends with sinners

### 2. MAKE DISCIPLES

- Matt 4:19 – Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- If you are following Jesus, you will be fishing for men!
- Find those who are not yet following Jesus, and help them to follow Jesus!

### 3. BAPTIZE

- Do it often.
- Let others baptize. This is not just the job of the pastor.
- One of my greatest joys as a pastor was sitting at the side of the pool and watching others baptize new believers.

### 4. TEACH

- What do you teach? To Obey! (All that Jesus commanded)
- Where do you start? Reading the Gospels
  - + Ask: If this is true (and it is) – how would we have to obey?
  - + Ask: With whom will you share this truth?

### 5. OBEY

- John 14:15 – Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
- v. 21 – Jesus said, “He who has My commandments and keeps them he it is who loves Me.”
- Delayed obedience is disobedience. Don’t delay! Be accountable.
- Measure your love for Jesus by how you obey!

# GO! → Sent!

Jesus sends His disciples into the *OIKOS* in Luke 10 and again in Matthew 10. He tells them to preach a message that the kingdom of heaven is near.

“When you enter a house (oikos), first say ‘Peace to this house (oikos).’ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house (oikos), eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house (oikos) to house (oikos).” Luke 10:5-7

Neil Cole offers the following acronym – POP – to describe Jesus’ Plan to Spread the Kingdom:

➤ **PRACTICE of PRAYER:** beg God for laborers

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.” Matt. 9:37-38

➤ **POCKETS of PEOPLE:** seek out places where non-believers socialize

“The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them out two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He was about to come.” Luke 10:1

➤ **POWER of PRESENCE:** bring the presence and rule of Christ’s kingdom

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.” Matt. 10:7-8

➤ **PERSON of PEACE**: seek out a responsive person

“And if a man of peace is there your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house (oikos), eating and drinking what they give you...do not keep moving from house to house.” Luke 10:6-7

1. **Responsiveness**: they are interested in the gospel
2. **Relational Influence**: they are well connected and quickly refer Christ to others in their pocket of people (oikos)
3. **Reputation**: they are persons of well known character (good or bad)

Examples: Matthew (Mt 9), Lydia (Acts 16), Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8), Cornelius (Acts 10), Woman at the well (Jn 4), Gerasene Demoniac (Mk 5)

➤ **PEOPLE of PURPOSE**: they become the church

“And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it; and abide there until you go away. And as you enter the house (oikos), give it your greeting. And if the house is worthy let your greeting of peace come upon it.”  
Matt. 10:11-13

Most people setting out to start new churches automatically think of starting in their own home, but Jesus' idea of starting in the home of new converts is a small shift with global implications. It may take a little longer to find an open home, but it is worth the wait rather than starting in your own home.