

Discipleship in the 21st Century Week 3 - Who Makes Disciples?



I. Review:

A. A Disciple is:

1. A person who is Saved by Grace,
2. Is brought from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of His Son
3. Is a Learner
4. A Follower and

B. Who makes Disciples?

1. Jesus Makes Disciples
2. Jesus' Disciples Make Disciples

C. What is Discipleship - Acts 14:21

II. What are the Elements of Discipleship?

A. The word of God

1. Romans 1:16 — the message of the Gospel is the power of salvation
2. Acts 6:7, 12:24, 13:49, 19:20 — Gospel expansion is described as the Word increasing
3. Our discipleship should involve the Word of God

B. The Spirit of God

1. Acts 2:1-41 — the Spirit comes, and the Gospel is shared
2. Acts 4:23-31 (esp. 31) — prayer, Spirit fills the believers, share with boldness
3. We pray in our discipleship that the Spirit would move

C. People of God

1. Colossians 1:7 — the Colossians learned the Gospel from a person, Epaphras
2. 1 Thessalonians 2:2 — the Thessalonians learned the Gospel from people, Paul, and others
3. As God's people, we are the agents of discipleship

Disciples are made "by the persevering proclamation of the word of God by the people of God in prayerful dependence on the Spirit of God." - The Vine Project

III. **How Are Disciples Made?**

- A. Acts 14:21 (ESV) ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch.

- B. Acts 11:26 (ESV) ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

- C. Titus 2:3b–4 (ESV) They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children.

- D. 2 Timothy 2:1–2 (ESV) ¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

IV. **What is Our Motivation to “Go and Make Disciples?”**

- A. Why did Christ Come Into the World?
 - 1. My Anthropocentric Answer

2. Jesus’ Theocentric Answer

- B. John 13:34-35 - A New Commandment I Give to You

- C. *Deuteronomy 6:5 (ESV) ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

- D. The Most Important Question: Not, “Does God love you” but “Do you Love God?”

V. **So What?**