

SERMON SERIES: *Commissioned*
SERMON TITLE: *How To Make Disciples Part 2*
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-22

REVIEW

- A. Making Disciples requires vision, commitment, and grace.

HOW DO YOU MAKE DISCIPLES?

#1 Making disciples requires CHOOSING WISELY.

- A. Jesus prayed all night before choosing his 12 disciples. (Luke 6:12-16)
- B. We have limited time to make disciples due to the brevity of life and due to the activities that must engage in to live. Therefore, we must discern through prayer who are the F.A.T. people that God is causing us to disciple.
 - a. Available
 - i. An available person is not too distracted by the cares of this world. They are willing to say “no” to things, even good things, so that they can say “yes” to discipleship.
 - b. Faithful
 - i. A faithful person is a person who doesn’t miss meetings. They arrive on time. They come prepared and are fully engaged. They follow through with their assignments.
 - c. Teachable
 - i. You're willing to have your lifestyle challenged.
 - ii. You're willing to be honest and transparent regarding your short comings and struggles.
 - iii. You're willing to try new things that at first will feel awkward and uncomfortable.
 - iv. You're willing to be held accountable for the changes God wants you to make.

#2 Making disciples requires an INVITATION.

- A. After Jesus discerned through prayer the F.A.T. people he was to call to be his disciples, he extended them an invitation. (Matthew 4:19)
- B. From Jesus's invitation to his disciples, we can surmise that the invitation that we extend to others to enter a discipleship relationship with us should clearly and concisely define:
 - a. The Purpose
 - i. Our time together will be spent with Jesus, to learn from Jesus how to obey all that he commanded.
 - b. Length of commitment
 - c. Quality of commitment
 - i. Faithful, available, teachable
 - d. The intended results
 - i. We believe God will use the discipleship relationship to drastically excel their growth as a disciple of Jesus and that he will also equip them to be a disciple maker themselves
- C. It is foolish to think that we can disciple another person well without an intentional plan and without sacrificing much of our time for that person.
- D. We must say "no" to certain things in order to be able to say "yes" to disciple making.

#3 Making disciples requires SUPPORT and CHALLENGE.

- A. Jesus extended to his disciples a high degree of support and challenge.
 - a. Support
 - 1. Matthew 5:3-11
 - 2. Matthew 6:30-33
 - 3. Matthew 7:7-12
 - ii. Those we disciple will need our support in these forms:
 - 1. Words of affirmation and encouragement
 - 2. Permission to fail

3. Empathy for their weaknesses, fears, and temptations
4. Assistance in seeing how God is working in their life

b. Challenge

- i. Jesus challenged his disciples by confronting their faulty beliefs, attitudes, and behavior.
 1. Matthew 16:21-28
 2. Matthew 20:20-28
 3. Luke 9:51-56
 4. Matthew 26:36-46
- ii. Jesus challenged his disciples by giving them tasks to complete.
 1. Luke 9 and 10
- iii. A relational environment of challenge includes a willingness on the leader's part to point out the flaws and shortcomings of their members that are holding them back from growing as a disciple and a willingness by group members to be challenged by their leader.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happens if we don't disciple people that are available, faithful, and teachable?
2. Would you consider yourself F.A.T. disciple of Jesus?
3. Who in your life might be ready for discipleship?
4. Why is extending a clear and concise invitation critical for a discipling relationship?
5. What happens if a discipling relationship lacks support? What happens if it lacks challenge?
6. What comes most natural to you, extending support or challenge?
7. Why do you think people struggle to receive challenge?
8. Why do you think Christians are content to discuss the Bible rather than be held accountable to do what it says?
9. What you consider the entire *Commissioned* sermon series, what is God saying to you? What will you do about it? Who will you be accountable to?