

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!
How to Make Disciples
Matthew 28:19, I Thessalonians 1:6-10

Matthew 28:19 - *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”*

Introduction

1. “Discipleship is our opportunity to tap the infinite resources of God. It is our chance to give our lives to significance rather than mediocrity.”

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- When Jesus called us to “make disciples” He enlisted us in the process of changing lives for all eternity by His power and for His glory.
 - The Apostle Paul stressed making disciples throughout his ministry.
2. In I Thessalonians 1:6-10 he outlined the process for us to follow. *“And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”*

How to Make Disciples

1. Faithfully preach God’s Word and watch for those who take it to heart.

Vs. 6

- Sow the Gospel seed knowing many will not respond positively. *Mt. 13:3-9 - And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”*

- *Focus* your efforts on those who gladly receive God's Word. *II Tim. 2:2 - "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."*
2. **Be a godly example of following Christ others can follow. Vs. 6**
 - "The disciple is one who in every area of his life determines from the Bible what is right and lives it consistently." - Henrichsen
 - Paul's method was simple: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." / *Cor. 11:1 - "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."*
 3. **Provide practical training in the essential spiritual disciplines. Vs. 6, 9-10**
 - Persevering joyfully in Christ in times of affliction. Vs. 6
 - Putting off spiritual idolatry. Vs. 9 - *Eph. 4:22 - "to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,"*
 - Being renewed in your mind. Vs. 9, *Eph. 4:23 - "and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,"*
 4. **Multiply the ministry through spiritual reproduction. Vs. 8**
 - Paul did not need to preach in the countryside around Thessalonica because the church had already done it.

Action Steps

1. If you have not repented of your sins and turned to follow Christ, do so today!
2. **"The disciple is one who is in tune with....the Spirit of God."**
 - Christian, ask God to make you this kind of disciple so He can use you to change lives for His glory.