

# “Called to Make Disciples”

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“Ultimately, Jesus calls his disciples to make disciples, who will make disciples. It is through this factor of multiplication that Christianity has grown and spread into every nation of the world.” -Dr. Craig Kraft

## 1.) Christ's last command to us was to make disciples!

“18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 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

- A. Jesus was given all authority on heaven on earth and He has given us that power. (John 14:12-14)
- B. We are called to make disciples of all nations.
  - a. “Lost People Matter to God” – A. B. Simpson
  - b. We do not get to pick and choose who the gospel is for.
- C. You are Baptizing them into a new life.
  - a. This is a dying to the former way of living. (Romans 6:3-4)
  - b. This is a process of taking off the former life and putting on a new way of thinking (Ephesians 4:22-25)
- D. You are instructing them to follow the whole counsel of God. “Let God be true, and every human being a liar.” Romans 3:4 (Hebrews 4:12-13)

## 2.) Sometimes Making Disciples can hurt, but its worth it!

- A. Jesus and Judas
  - a. Judas Served with Jesus
  - b. Judas cast out demons with Jesus

- c. Jesus washed Judas' feet
  - d. Judas even was part of the group that went out to spread the Gospel!
  - e. Jesus disciplined Judas even knowing he was going to betray him. (Matthew 26:23)
- B. Paul and John Mark
  - a. Acts 12:12 We see John Mark praying with the believers!
  - b. Acts 12:25 we see him joining Paul and Barnabas
  - c. Acts 13:4-13 John Mark Joins them on their first missionary Journey in which they didn't see much fruit.
  - d. Later on John Mark would go on to be a great help and fellow laborer in the Gospel with Paul. Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:11

## 3.) If we are not careful, we can make the wrong kind of disciples! Matthew 23

- A. Jesus condemns the Pharisees for making disciples of Hell! V 13-15
- B. Their actions did not align with their words and led others astray!
- C. They cared more about outward appearance than inward transformation! V 23-28

## Closing Questions!

- 1.) Do you currently have someone that you are disciplining?
- 2.) Do you have someone who is disciplining you?
- 3.) Are you willing to make the sacrifices that it takes to disciple someone to make a lasting impact for the kingdom?