

# MAKING DISCIPLES

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## INTRODUCTION:

A. How compelling is this statement?

***“We weren’t created to do life alone. As you grow in Christ, bring others on the journey.”***

- Do you consider yourself to be a “fruitful disciple-maker?”
- Do you have a relationship with someone (other than a family member) that provides all three of these things:
  - ✦ you hold each other accountable
  - ✦ you offer each other encouragement and support
  - ✦ you help each other to grow spiritually

## I. MOST CHRISTIANS THINK WE HAVE TO BE MATURE BEFORE MAKING DISCIPLES. WE MATURE BY MAKING DISCIPLES.

A. It’s our commission.

***Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20**

B. It’s what we are being equipped for.

***Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.***

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

***You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.***

**2 Timothy 2:2**

C. People need help on a personal level.

***When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”***

**Matthew 9:36-38**

- Disciple older men (Titus 2:2) who need more endurance
- Disciple older women (Titus 2:3) to pursue what is good
- Disciple younger women (Titus 2:4) to care for their families
- Disciple younger men (Titus 2:6) to pursue self-control

## II. WHY NOT BE IN A DISCIPLESHIP/MENTORING RELATIONSHIP?

- Lack of confidence – don’t feel qualified
- Lack of thought – not on their radar or not modeled
- Lack of opportunity – no one asked them

### III. DISCIPLESHIP CAN TRANSFORM OUR LIVES.

- The younger generations are more open to discipleship than older people think!
- An eagerness for discipleship coincides with an eagerness to grow in faith – and the inverse is also true
  - ✦ Spiritual growth, perspectives and passions
  - ✦ Frequency of spiritual practices
  - ✦ Walking with Jesus
- When more of us are equipped to disciple...

***We will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.***

**Ephesians 4:14**

### CONCLUSION: