



“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

Disciplemaking 1 - Abiding In His Word

INTRODUCTION

“All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

THE COMMAND TO MAKE DISCIPLES

After Jesus was crucified, He appeared to His disciples multiple times before He ascended into Heaven [from just outside of Jerusalem]. At one of those appearances [several days before His ascension] on a mountain in Galilee, Jesus gave His disciples the Matthew 28:18-20 commandment that is quoted above. That very important commandment is known as the Great Commission. The individual product of obedience to the Great Commission is a disciple. The process of obedience to the Great Commission is a multiplication process.

THE DEFINITION OF A DISCIPLE

A disciple is a student and follower of Jesus Christ ... one who lives by and spreads His teaching. Jesus set high standards for those wanting to be *His* disciples. He said that being His disciple means abiding in [living in] His Word, John 8:31-32. Notice that He spoke to Believers in those two verses. Jesus added that our love for one another demonstrates to the world that we are His disciples, John 13:35. In addition, He explained that we glorify the Father and *prove to be*, meaning *become*, His disciples by bearing much fruit, John 15:8. And Jesus explained that His disciples must put Him above their own lives, relationships, and all, Luke 14:26-33.

THE PROCESS OF DISCIPLEMAKING

Disciplemaking is God’s work combined with our work. The first step is belief in Jesus. A nonbeliever becomes a believer by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. Salvation is received by faith in Jesus based solely on His work and His sacrifice. However, a new believer is not automatically a disciple of Jesus. A new believer, baptized and taught to obey, grows to become a disciple. Becoming a disciple is based on the believer’s work and sacrifice ... enabled by God. And the process of disciplemaking continues as the disciple becomes a disciplemaker. In the Great Commission, Jesus stated that we are to be *“teaching them to observe all that I commanded you”*. One of the commandments He gave was the Great Commission. Therefore, the process of disciplemaking includes teaching disciples to be disciplemakers.

COMMITMENTS

“And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also,” 2 Timothy 2:2.

Paul instructed Timothy to entrust what he had taught him to faithful men who could teach others. The process was to be multiplied to a fourth generation ... from Paul to Timothy ... from Timothy to faithful men ... and from those faithful men to others also. And then it was to continue from generation to generation. That kind of multiplication is the goal of this course. Each lesson is a building block in the process of becoming a disciple and a disciplemaker. For this process to work, it takes effort on the part of both the teacher and the student.

THE COMMITMENTS TO TAKE THIS COURSE

Be available. Make the time available for these lessons.

Be conscientious. This requires effort ... pray, study, and review.

Be a Berean. Search the Scriptures to see if these things are true.

Be teachable. Be willing to learn, think, grow, and change. Apply what you learn to your own life. Then teach someone. Apply *and* multiply.

THE COMMITMENTS TO TEACH THIS COURSE

Be committed to your student(s). Give your time as a teacher and as a friend to those you teach. Be available to them. Remember, they are to be disciples of Jesus Christ ... not to be disciples of you.

Be an example. Your life is a demonstration of your commitment to God, to His Word, and to the process of disciplemaking. Your thorough knowledge of the materials will show that the lessons can be learned.

Be flexible and firm. Be patient. It takes time to learn and to apply the content of these lessons. Give enough time to your student(s) to learn, to grow, and even to fail. Encourage them and hold them accountable to learn ... to apply what they learn ... and then to teach others also.

Be prepared. Know each lesson thoroughly ... and study the appendix on improving your teaching skills.

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Disciplemaking 1 - Review Questions

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Part of learning is review ... storing new knowledge into your long term memory. Print this review test or use separate paper to answer the following questions. Then repeat this test, open book or closed book, until you can accurately and easily answer all the questions. These *review exams* are available with correct answers on VirtualBibleAcademy.org.

1. After Jesus was crucified, He appeared to His disciples several times before He ascended into Heaven. At one of those appearances on a mountain in Galilee, Jesus gave the Great Commission.
 - a. What is the main reference in Matthew for the Great Commission?
 - b. Write out the Great Commission in your own words.

2. Obedience to the Great Commission is a _____ process.
The product is _____.

3. In Luke 14:26-33, Jesus explained that His disciples must put Him first above their own _____, above their _____, and above _____ or they cannot be His _____.

4. In John 8:31, Jesus said to _____ that being His disciples means _____ in His Word.

5. From John 13:35, our _____ for one another as disciples demonstrates to the _____ that we are His _____.

6. We glorify the Father and prove to be His disciples [that is, *become* His disciples] by _____, John 15:8.

7. The Great Commission is more than evangelism. However, in the process of discipling, the first step has to be _____ in Jesus.

8. In the discipling process, according to Matthew 28:18-20, a new believer needs to be _____ and taught to _____ all that Jesus _____ . The goal is for that new believer to become a disciple and a _____ .

9. The multiplication process of discipling is seen in the words of 2 Timothy 2:2 being carried through four generations ... from Paul to _____ to _____ who will be able to then teach _____ also.

10. Thoughtfully and prayerfully, answer “yes” or “no” to the following:

a. Will you do what it takes to learn these lessons?

b. Will you be conscientious and teachable?

c. Will you apply what you learn to your own life?

d. Are you willing to teach someone else if God gives you the opportunity?

Disciplemaking 1 - Answers to Review Questions

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Do not use these answer sheets to find your answers. Please use them only to check your answers. Go back into the lesson to find the information to correct your answers. Repeat the test until you can accurately and easily answer all the questions. All the lessons, review tests, and answer pages are available on VirtualBibleAcademy.org.

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Matthew 28:18 - 20

b. Write out the Great Commission in your own words.

These should all be included in the answer:

All authority given to Jesus ... therefore go make disciples ... baptizing ... teaching to obey all Jesus commanded ... and Jesus is with you in the process.

2. Obedience to the Great Commission is a multiplication process.
The product is disciples of Jesus.

3. In Luke 14:26-33, Jesus explained that His disciples must put Him first above their own lives, above their relationships, and above everything else - tangible and intangible or they cannot be His disciples.

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