

“The Heart Of A Disciple Maker”

1 Thessalonians 2:8

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INTRO: VIDEO: *Exponential Global Discipleship*

Review:

Disciple is: *“Miraculous, Christ-like, Work-in-Progress”*

Gospel essentials: *Miracle, Messiah, Mission!*

1. **Creator God** - Genesis 1:1 & John 6:44
2. **Sin** - Romans 3:23 & 6:23
3. **Miracle** - 2 Corinthians 5:17
4. **Gospel** - 2 Corinthians 5:21
5. **Repentance** - Matthew 4:17
6. **Grace by Faith** - Ephesians 2:8-10
7. **Follow(er)** - Matthew 4:19-20

Discipleship is... (see definition slide)

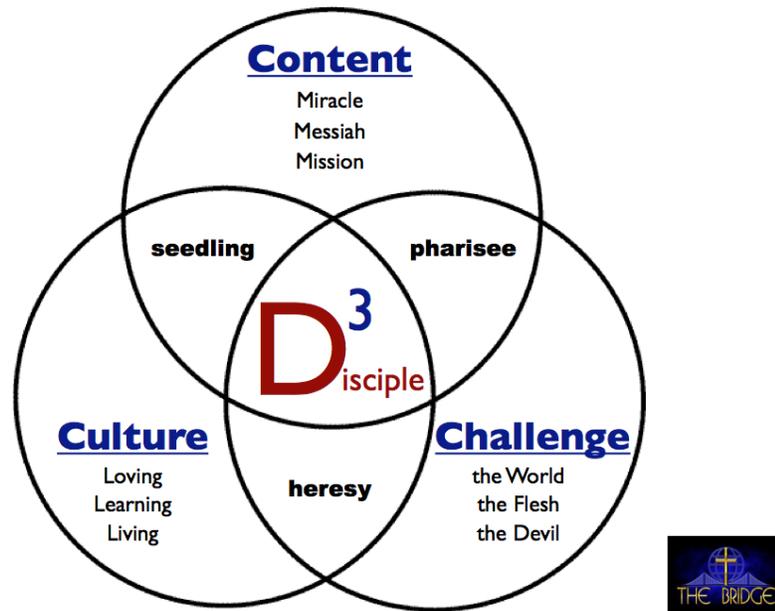
Discipleship:

(VERB)

The intentional endeavors of
“miraculous, Christ-like, works-in-progress”
(a.k.a. Disciples) engaged in
“finding the lost AND growing the found”
into family-members who are in-turn
committed to making disciples,
who make disciples, who make disciples...
by God’s grace & for His glory.

Discipleship Contextualization... (see graphic)

DISCIPLESHIP CONTEXTUALIZATION



The **COMMAND** to MAKE DISCIPLES...

COMMAND

OBEY

EVERYTHING

LOVE...

T/S: Making disciples is all about seeing people transformed by the power of God's Word. If you want to see that happen in others, you need to be experiencing such transformation yourself.

- Francis Chan

Today's Message: **"The Heart of a Disciple-Maker"**

T/S: Why do you want to make disciples?

Motive matters! Pharisees would be champs if this weren't true...

Check Your Heart...

Hypocrites vs. Heart-picks...

Matthew 15:7-8:

You hypocrites... 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...

1 Samuel 16:7:

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

T/S: "One of the worst things you can do is teach truths that you are not personally applying...You could argue that it might be better for such a person NOT to teach at all..." - F. Chan

Teaching Is Dangerous:

James 3:1 Teaching brings both great privilege & responsibility...

REMEMBER: Everyone is a Disciple & Disciple-maker...

- Exponential growth is happening... the question is...

VIDEO: Making Discipleship MOVEMENTS

Qt: If you're not ready to lay down your life for Christ's sake, then you're not ready to make disciples. It's that simple."

- Francis Chan

*Remember: What we don't commit **to**... we drift **from**!* - JDP

- **Cultural, "Churchy," or Christ-Like Disciples???**

- Consider **10 METAPHORICAL Mistakes & Mutants:**

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| 1. | General Humanitarians | vs. Truth in Love |
| 2. | Ministry Masseuses | vs. Responsibility |
| 3. | Spiritual Philosophers | vs. Accountability |
| 4. | Heady Psychiatrists | vs. Heart measure |
| 5. | Church Politicians (P.C.) | vs. John 14:6 & 15 |
| 6. | Elected Popes | vs. Galatians 1:6-9 |
| 7. | Successful Tycoons | vs. Life of Paul |
| 8. | Academic Professors | vs. 1 Corinthians 13 |
| 9. | Rodeo Clowns | vs. 7 sons of Sceva |
| 10. | Pharisaical Police | vs. Righteous |

******* *Ephesians Church is a tragic example to learn from...
See Acts 20 & Revelation 2!*

T/S: If its not LOVE... it's a LIE! - JDP

Love Comes First

John 3:16 = *For God so loved the world that He gave...*

Matt. 22:37-40 = *Love God, Love People, Serve the World!*

John 13:34-35 = *"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Qt: **"If you're not willing to make loving God and loving people your highest priority, then stop. Seriously, walk away until you've settled this one essential point. Lack of love is the unmistakable mark of death:"** - F. Chan

T/S: Let's look at how Paul lived out this love...

***** 1 Thessalonians 2:8 *****

1 Thessalonians 2:8 = *We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.*

A. Love

B. Truth

C. Life/Relationship

D. Love (bookends)

Love starts & finishes discipleship!

Love **LOOKS**

Luke 15 (3 parables) Lost sheep, coin, son...

Love **LISTENS**

John 10:26-28 = 26 *But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

Love **LEADS/FEEDS**

John 21:17 = ...if you love Me, feed My sheep

Love **LABORS**

Mark 10:45 = ...the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...

Love **LEARNS**

Matthew 28:18-19

Love **LIBERATES**

John 8:32 & 36

Love **LAUNCHES**
Acts 1:8

Love **LEAPS**

1 Samuel 17

v.22 = David "ran" to the army

v.48 = "ran quickly" at the giant

v.51 = David "ran" to finish the fight

Love **LIQUIDATES**

Galatians 2:20 = *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Love **LIFTS**

Galatians 6:2 = *"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."*

Love **LOSES**

Luke 9:24 = *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it*

Love **LASTS**

Deut. 31:6 = *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Love **LOVES**

1 John 4:8 = *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 3:18

NOTICE:

ONLY Love validates the Disciple & D-maker.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3:

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

***** NOTE: Link between 1 Cor. 13 & Matthew 7:21-23!**

= Knowledge based vs Obedience based D-ship

***** Read 1 John 3:14 &16**

v.14 = We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death.

v.16 = This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers.

T/S:

“Making disciples isn’t about gathering pupils to listen to your teaching. The real focus is not on teaching people at all —the focus is on loving them. Jesus’ call to make disciples includes teaching people to be obedient followers of Jesus, but the teaching isn’t the end goal. Ultimately, it’s all about being faithful to God’s call to love the people around you.... So the question is, how much

do you care about the people around you? ” - Francis Chan

Teaching by Example

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith” - (Hebrews 13:7).

1 Peter 1:22 = *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart*

1 John 4:7 = *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

VIDEO: “Down-line Testimony”

1 John 3:18 = *...children, let us not love with word or tongue but in action and in truth.*

Let's PRAY!