The COMMAND to make a DIFFERENCE!

The Great Commission: Make Disciples: TOUGH STUFF 2010

Introduction:

#1 Accept the IMPORTANCE of every Christian making disciples

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 4 Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 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.

Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to teaching what is good, 4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

1st Embrace the PRIORITY

2nd Follow the PROCESS

1 GOING

- a is your lifestyle
- b is you endure
- c is you go out

2 BAPTIZING

3 TEACHING

- a is obedience training
- b is esteeming Christ's commands

c - is the body of Christ together

Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

d - is no command is left out

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

#2 Embrace the DESCRIPTION of a true disciple

1st COMMITTED; like all true Christians

2nd TEACHABLE; hungry to learn and live the truth

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you, and LEARN from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.

- 1 Application Test
- 2 Intensity Test
- 3 Doctrine Test

3rd A MODELER; one who imitates Christ's example

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow me as I follow Christ

4th An IMPACTOR; a life that infects others

Luke 6:40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

John 15:8 By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain

#3 Pursue the PROCESS of making disciples

1st-PRAYING

Luke 6:12-13 And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

2nd-LIVING

Mark 3:13-14 And He went up to the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.14 And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach,

3rd-TRAINING

- (1) Jesus EXPECTED great things from His men
- (2) Teach them the TRUTH
- (3) Show them HOW TO LIVE
- (4) \underline{COACH} them, practice the everyday plays together
- (5) RELEASE them guardedly
- (6) Train them until they're a REPRODUCER
- 1 Correct your VIEW of discipleship
- 2 Get in RELATIONSHIP with true disciples
- 3 Rely on CHRIST alone to disciple

KEY QUESTIONS: Why don't many Churches or Christians obey the Great Commission?

What are the common errors of thinking when it comes to discipleship?

How can parents and D group leaders be better disciplers?

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