

ACTS REVITALIZATION



Disciple-Making Priority 1

Less Reaching and More Making

Disciple-Making

5 Adjustments to Bring it Back



LESS

More

5

Accumulating People



Deploying

4

Trying to Measure Up

Spirit
Reliance

3

Counting Attendance

Connecting
With People

2

Doctrinal Downloads (Info
evangelism)

Taking People Into
Your Own Life Rhythms

1

Outreach Programs/events

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What we Want to do

5

Deploy

4

Thrive

3

Attach

2

Train

1

Define

Process



Send out

Empowered
by Spirit

People Attachment
In Everyday Spaces

More
life on life Training

**Relational Understanding
of What a Disciple is**



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The problem with reaching





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“Programs are like sugar. They’re tasty, even addictive. However, it takes away a desire for more healthy food. Though it provides a quick burst of energy, over time it makes you flabby, and a steady diet will kill you. A strict diet of evangelistic programs produces malnourished evangelism.”

<https://www.9marks.org/article/the-problem-with-evangelistic-programs/>



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Problem #1

Outreach Programs are typically run by a professional (pastor or even one or two gifted leaders) and the church at large gains very little Spiritual Strength from their participation.



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“[the minister] He should teach the people how to extend the knowledge of the truth. While the new converts should be taught to ask counsel of those more experienced in the work, they should also be taught not to put ministers in the place of God.”



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“It is in doing Christ's work that the church has the promise of His presence. Go teach (greek means make disciples) all nations, He said; “and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” To take His yoke is one of the first conditions of receiving His power. The very life of the church depends upon her faithfulness in fulfilling the Lord's commission. To neglect this work is surely to invite spiritual feebleness and decay. Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim.”

DA 825.2



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Problem #2

Church and even church school programs take enormous amounts of time and energy away from the commission of Jesus to go and make disciples, and for most this leaves almost no reserve energy to engage in the relational process of disciple-making.



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Problem #3

Where are the biblical methodologies laid out for putting on programs in the scriptures?



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How Jesus lived





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Jesus did not receive baptism as a confession of guilt on His own account. He identified Himself with sinners, taking the steps that we are to take, and doing the work that we must do. His life of suffering and patient endurance after His baptism was also an example to us.

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1. Matthew 14:14-21 - Jesus was compassionate and healed the sick and fed the hungry.
2. Mark 10:45 - Jesus lived a life sacrificing for others. He gave up time, energy, and comfort. (He died to self)
3. Luke 5:16 - Jesus practiced solitude with just Himself and the Father.
4. John 2:13-16 - Jesus spoke out against traditions in the church that were harmful to the Gospel
5. Mark 4:40 - Jesus was not afraid to exercise the Spirits power by faith.



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Relationship is at the Heart of Disciple-Making





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1. Matthew 4:18-22 - Jesus called them into a relational residency of experience together.
2. Mark 3:13-19 - There was a specific group He called especially into the 12. (Judas was allowed)
3. Luke 6:12-16 - He prayed for them
4. John 15:15 - Jesus called them friends. They were not just students, but actual friends.



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“The Saviour knew the character of the men whom He had chosen; all their weaknesses and errors were open before Him; He knew the perils through which they must pass, the responsibility that would rest upon them; and His heart yearned over these chosen ones. Alone upon a mountain near the Sea of Galilee He spent the entire night in prayer for them, while they were sleeping at the foot of the mountain.”

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“Through the disciples’ continual exposure to who he was, what he did and said, Jesus intended them to discern and absorb his vision, mindset and mode of operation. He desired them to become so saturated with the influences arising from his example and teaching, his attitudes, actions and anointing, that every single area of their lives would be impacted towards greater likeness to himself.



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The approach he decided on was simple and informal, practical and wholistic. The totality of shared life experiences made up the disciples' classroom, and their teacher's words merely needed to further elucidate the lessons already gained from his life."

(Krallman, Mentoring For Mission, p.53)



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“ No one can practice real benevolence without practicing genuine self-denial. Self-denial and the cross lie directly in the path of every Christian who is truly following Christ. Jesus says: “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.



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Will every soul consider the fact that Christian discipleship includes self-denial, self-sacrifice, even to the laying down of life itself, if need be, for the sake of Him who has given His life for the life of the world?”

Counsels on Stewardship 288



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This love is the evidence of their discipleship. “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples,” said Jesus, “if ye have love one to another.” When men are bound together, not by force or self-interest, but by love, they show the working of an influence that is above every human influence. Where this oneness exists, it is evidence that the image of God is being restored in humanity, that a new principle of life has been implanted. It shows that there is power in the divine nature to withstand the supernatural agencies of evil, and that the grace of God subdues the selfishness inherent in the natural heart.

DA 678.1



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- The problem with reaching
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- Define and select Potential Disciples
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Matt 28:19

Go ye, therefore, and make disciples...



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People of Peace

Who are People of Peace for you? See Luke 10

Define a person of peace.

Who are People of Peace?

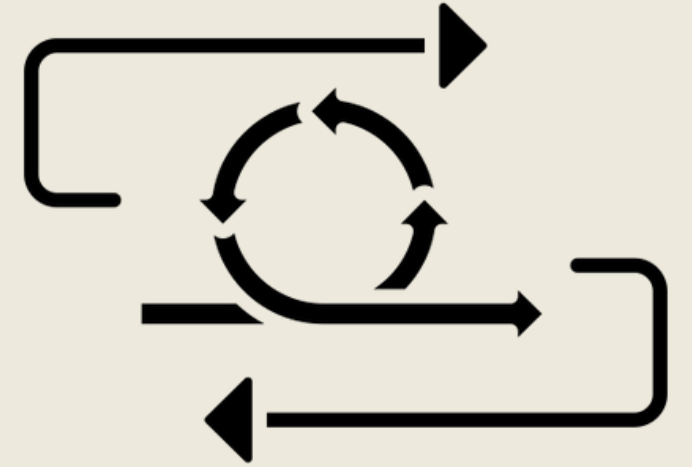
“And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.” Luke 10:6



They Accept Your Blessing



They Respond to Your
Blessing and Your
leadership



You Are Not the Only One
Initiating Time Together



(Relationship Seems
Inevitable)



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Definition Example of Persons of Peace

People of peace receive the blessings I offer and take them to heart. They engage in conversations and take the initiative to interact, not just wait for me to start. They also reciprocate in conversation and invitation to connect. They appreciate the servant leadership I bring to the relationship.



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These are Intimate Disciples
How Many Should I Have?

Likely not more than 3 but if you are a couple then you may have other couples. For example, two or three families may be your people of peace.



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Matt 25:15 and 29

15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability...29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.



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- How do you define a Disciple based on the relational practices of Jesus?



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What is your church's relational definition of a disciple based on the life of Christ, in about two sentences?