



Disciple-Making Priority 4 and 5

Thriving in the Spirit
Deploying Disciples

Disciple-Making

5 Adjustments to Bring it Back



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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

Investment in
Disciple-Making

Disciple-Making

5 Adjustments to Bring it Back



What we Want to do

5

Deploy

4

Thrive

3

Attach

2

Train

1

Define

Process



Send out

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People Attachment
In Everyday Spaces

More
life on life Training

Relational Understanding
of What a Disciple is

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Learn to Embrace Jesus Love



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After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

Matt 3:16-17

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**Do you and your disciples
understand the power of Gods
love?**

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“When I recount this experience, I often say that it was that day that I made a shift from ambition to affection. I had been operating from a place of ambition, which seeks to gain what one doesn’t yet have. Now I am learning to operate from a place of affection, which recognizes I already have everything I need in the love of God.”

Jeff Vanderstelt: One Eighty page 93

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In Acts Chapter 2, the disciples transitioned from a focus on ambition (who is the greatest in the kingdom?) to one of affection! They were united, all in "one accord"!

Only when we find rest in God's love and stop focusing on our achievements can we truly embody His love in a manner that others can see, hear, and learn from.

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Learn to Embrace Jesus Love



Learn to overcome by the Word



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Word Empowerment:

**To find power in the word you
have to rest in Christ's finished
work first!**



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John 8:28, 31-32

28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I am he... 31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set (ACTUALLY MAKE NOT SET) you free.”

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Set Free

“Definition: Refers to the act of releasing or liberating someone from a condition of captivity, bondage, or oppression

Context: It emphasizes the moment or act of release, often tied to an external agent or action.

Example: “The prisoner was set free by the court.””

This implies there is no new creation as a result of the freedom

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Make Free

Definition: Suggests transforming a state or condition to one of freedom, implying an ongoing process or a state brought into being.

Context: Often relates to an internal or more permanent transformation.

Example: "The truth will make you free."

- The emphasis is on the transformation to a state of freedom, often with spiritual or philosophical implications.

**This implies God has replaced the sin with His creative power
filling your empty space with His presence**

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- **Learn to Embrace Jesus Love**
- **Learn to overcome by the Word**
- **Learn to Thrive in the Gospel Witness**
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No More debating with people about Jesus. God wants to fill you with the Spirit to empower you to speak freedom and truth into peoples lives. If you have to debate with someone they are not a person of peace and maybe you aren't either.

-Some exceptions may apply-

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There is a flood coming to us as believers.

**Isaiah 61 tells us Jesus proclaims that God wants to flood your heart
with living water.**

**In other words, it washes away the sin and you become a free-
flowing (actual Hebrew meaning of Liberty) fountain of Grace to
others**

-Jesus started His ministry with this very scripture-

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“This same phenomenon occurs when Jesus-followers are anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit after he ascends. They all, like Jesus, are empowered to preach. The same is true for every disciple. As Jesus said himself in John 14:12, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing.

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Continued:

Do the disciples around you know this? Do they know they can be empowered to speak the gospel like Jesus was empowered to preach? If not, they will strive in their own power to try and come up with their own persuasive words instead of receiving power and the words to speak from the Holy Spirit.”

**Excerpt From
One Eighty: A Return to Disciple-Making
Jeff Vanderstelt**

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**This is best developed when practiced as
normal behavior in a disciple-making
community.**

**Then it becomes normative for you with
unbelievers**

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- **Learn to Embrace Jesus Love**
- **Learn to overcome by the Word**
- **Learn to Thrive in the Gospel Witness**
- **Learn that by faith all things are possible**
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"We are called to live a naturally supernatural life—where the miraculous is woven into the fabric of our everyday experiences, not something separate or extraordinary, but part of our normal reality as children of God."

Alex and Hannah Absalom

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"The supernatural becomes natural when we step out in faith, expecting God to do the impossible in ordinary circumstances."

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3 of many EGW quotes on the Holy Spirit

"The Holy Spirit was given to the church as a representative of Christ, to guide and empower His people to fulfill the mission of the gospel. Without the Holy Spirit, the work of the church cannot be accomplished."

The Acts of the Apostles, p. 38

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"We are not to look to the world for the Holy Spirit's presence. The Spirit of God is given to those who seek Him with all the heart, those who are willing to yield themselves fully to His guidance and control."

The Desire of Ages, p. 671

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"The fullness of the Spirit is given to those who make room for Him in their hearts. The more completely we surrender, the more fully the Spirit will dwell in us."

Steps to Christ, p. 63

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Marks Great Commission 16:15-18

And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe:

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Marks Great Commission 16:15-18

They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

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- **Learn to Embrace Jesus Love**
- **Learn to overcome by the Word**
- **Learn to Thrive in the Gospel Witness**
- **Learn that by faith all things are possible**
- **Learn to develop greater emotional health**

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“I discovered that I had significantly impaired my feelings and emotions. I had learned as a child that feelings were bad and not to be trusted. I belittled or diminished my feelings of sadness, hurt, loneliness, and anger. I remember sharing with my Tin Man coach about a terribly sad and painful time in my life, and he asked, “Why are you smiling? This isn’t funny!” Because we were on Zoom, I could see his face and mine, and I realized in that moment that this is what I had learned to do for most of my life.”

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**I believe demonic activity is highest or
at the very least extremely high in
religious people groups**

Truthfully I'm still learning on this one

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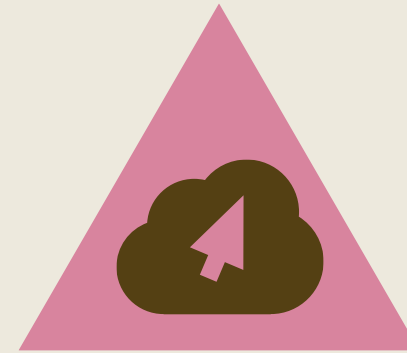


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“What about you? How healthy is your leadership? How emotionally and relationally healthy are you? Ask those around you what it’s like to be on the other side of you. Ask them how they experience you. If you do, prepare yourself to listen and not justify or defend yourself. It may be painful, but as I’ve learned these past years, if it’s mentionable, it’s manageable. Some of us need to hear the truth about ourselves so we can get the help we need.”

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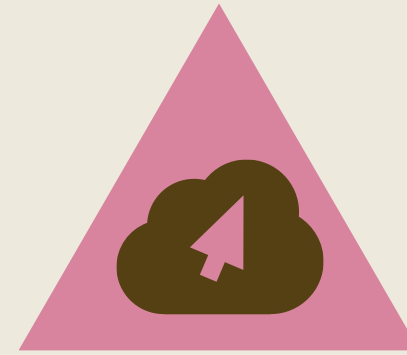
Deploying

Now that you have found freedom in the gospel of love

- **Learned to receive and be built up in the word**
- **Learned to speak life into others**
- **Learned to expect the work of the Spirit in everyday life**
- **Grown into an emotionally honest and healthy disciple**

All the while teaching this to another it is time to send them into the same journey and have the Spirit lead them to their disciple.

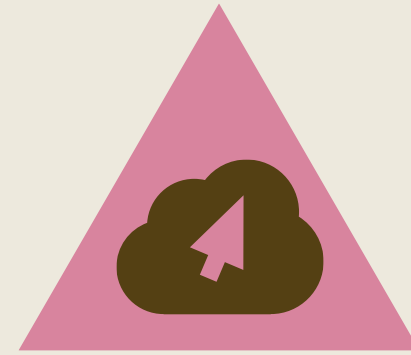
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Deploying

“The Church is not a business. The Church is a family. We are God’s Family. Healthy families aim to raise and develop healthy children to become healthy young adults who are eventually able to leave their home and start a new family. This is what God intends for the Church as well. We are called to make disciples who can grow up into healthy spiritual leaders who are gladly sent out to join other works or start new works.

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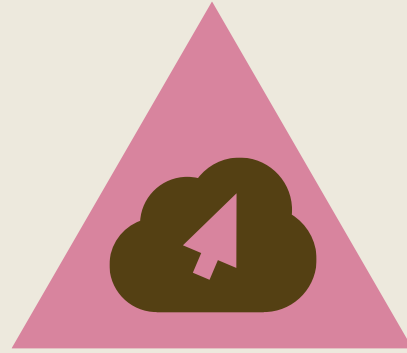
Deploying

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The sign of a healthy church is not necessarily how big it gets, but how it raises up, equips, and sends people who are mature enough to “leave home” and start new spiritual families themselves.”

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Deploying

God has called you to be a spiritual parent!





