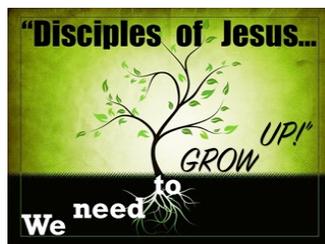


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”

**Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 6:12-16;
9:1-6,10**



Introduction: God tells us in His Word that there is only one way to make disciples of Jesus ...

Making disciples happens where there is intentional teaching from God’s Word and intentional learning by those who desire to follow Christ and to grow up to be like Him!

Your view of the Church and your part in it determines the course of your life.

Does being a disciple of Jesus Christ affect everything else you do?

I. The command of Jesus to make disciples ...

Matthew 28:18-20 and Luke 9:1-2 ...

Jesus HAS authority because of WHO He is!

A disciple of Jesus is one who by God’s grace through the work of His Spirit enters into a relationship with the one true God.

All who reject the truth of God’s Word have no relationship with God and are not and cannot be disciples of Jesus.

Only disciples of Jesus have a living relationship with God that leads to an eternity of living in His presence.

Matthew 28:20: “Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Ephesians 4:11-16: “... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up into Him who is the Head, into Christ” (vs. 15).

II. The example of Jesus in making disciples ...

Jesus invested more than three years teaching and equipping the disciples to carry the Gospel to the world.

The first believers began to gather together in order to become mature disciples, to grow in their knowledge and their understanding of their faith.

Making disciples of Jesus requires an investment of time and energy that few are ready and willing to make.

Ephesians 6:4: “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Luke 9:3-6,10 ... Jesus spent time with His disciples to teach them ...

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

Our ministry must follow the example of Jesus if we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will fulfill the command of Christ to make more disciples.

III. The method of Jesus for making disciples ...

The Holy Spirit reveals truth to those whom God has chosen to be disciples of Jesus.

II Peter 3:17-18: “... But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (vs. 18).

You will only be as strong in your ability to stand firm in the face of all that life brings, as you are SURE of what you know and believe to be true from God’s Word! **(Romans 8:31-39)**

John 8:31-32: “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free!”

Being a true Christian means being a disciple of Jesus!!

John 17:17: “... Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.”

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