**Creating Reproducing Disciples**

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1. **Introduction to Discipleship**
2. **What does a true disciple of Christ look like?**
3. A disciple is not what is sometimes promoted as such.

A disciple is not…

1. A person who once prayed the sinner’s prayer or made a decision for Christ.
2. Someone who claims to have been a Christian for a long time.
3. Someone who attends church services and programs.
4. Any good and moral person.
5. Someone who knows the Bible very well.
6. Someone in “full-time” ministry.
7. A person with a very supernatural ministry.
8. A disciple is learner, a student and an apprentice.

The word for disciple means “one who sits under teaching.” True discipleship is more than learning in that it always leads to a changed lifestyle that corresponds to the teaching that has been received (Jam. 1:22).

1. A disciple is someone who continues to grow beyond their conversion experience (Col. 1:28-29; Gal. 4:19).
2. A disciple is someone who has a desire to be like their master (Luke 6:40).
3. A disciple is someone who is passionate about achieving their destiny (Phil. 3:12-15).
4. A disciple is someone who is willing to enter into close relationship with other people.
5. A disciple is someone who is open to accountability and even correction.
6. Jesus often corrected or rebuked His disciples for their own growth and development (Mt. 8:26; Mark 8:33; Luke 9:55).
7. A wise person is someone who can receive correction from others (Pro. 9:8; 10:17; 12:1; Ps. 141:5).
8. A disciple is someone who makes other disciples.
9. **What is the cost of discipleship (Luke 14:28-30)?**
10. Being a true disciple involves having a personal cross experience (Luke 14:27).
11. Being a true disciple involves a denial of self (Mark 8:34-38).
12. Being a true disciple involves losing your soul-life (Mark 8:35).
13. Being a true disciple involves a surrender of all of life’s possessions (Luke 18:22-23). There can be no first but Jesus.
14. Being a true disciple involves a total love for God (Luke 14:26).
15. Being a true disciple involves a continual pressing on toward the mark (Luke 9:62).

As costly as this all seems, nothing is ever really a sacrifice, because what God asks us to give up for Him is not worthy to be compared to what He gives us back in return (Luke 18:28-30; Rom. 8:18; II Cor. 4:16-18).

1. **What does making disciples look like?**

Making disciples involves helping a person to know, follow and become like Christ through an open, loving relationship.

1. Disciple-making is characterized by the following:

* Prayer
* Care
* Teaching
* Encouragement
* Accountability
* Correction

1. Disciple-making focuses on cultivating the following:

* Character
* Understanding
* Ministry

1. Disciple-making utilizes practical method of example and modeling (Phil. 3:17; 4:9; Tit. 2:3-8).
2. **How do we create reproducing disciples?**
3. **Become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **Examine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
5. **Develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
6. **Develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
7. **Continue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
8. **Preach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
9. **Offer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for deeper understanding and ministry development.**
10. **Resources for creating true reproducing disciples**
11. **Principles of Church Life**
12. **Encounter**
13. **Discipleship Course**
14. **Victorious Christianity Course**
15. **Passport Program**
16. **Church Leadership Resources’ Website**
17. **Next Steps Series (3 books)**

**Questions to Ponder**

1. How important do you believe is Jesus’ command to make disciples? Is it applicable to our ministry and our churches today?
2. How would you define a disciple?
3. Do you feel that you are producing disciples in your church as opposed to attendees?
4. Do you have a track or some plan for the development of disciples in your church? If so, what are you doing?
5. How successful do you feel that your efforts have been?
6. How do you measure what success means in relation to disciple-making?
7. What are you doing to train people, prepare people or to equip to fulfill their callings?
8. Are their things that you feel are on the horizon for you and your church in this area of discipleship?

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