

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Jesus' strategy is to build his Kingdom by multiplying disciples.

- Luke 9:23 – “Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”
- A disciple is someone who follows another.
Christian discipleship is simply getting better at following Jesus.
- Matthew 28:18-20 – “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- Who did Jesus give this “Great Commission” to?
Jesus’s plan is for ordinary Christians to devote their lives to helping others follow Him.
- “Living things are born to reproduce.” – Dawson Trotman
- 2 Timothy 2:1-2 – “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” (4-G Discipleship!)



Making disciples is not meetings. It's not knowledge. It is obedience.

If you lead someone to do 3 things, they will grow as a disciple.

1. Spend time in God's Word.
2. Pray fervently.
3. Share the Gospel. But especially share the Gospel!



How do we make disciples?

- “Follow me” (Jesus) Mark 2:14 “Come and see” (Jesus) John 1:39
- “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (Paul) 1 Corinthians 11:1
- “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well.” - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

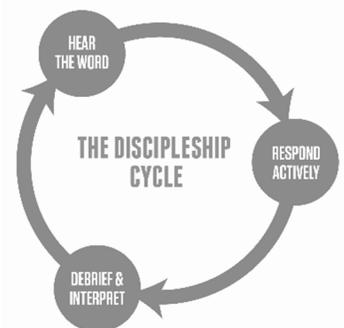
Making Disciples is not complicated; it's simple.

- There is a continuum. Anytime you help a person make progress on the continuum, you are making disciples.

Non Christian ----- Seeker ----- Convert ----- Growing Christian ----- Disciple ----- Disciple Maker

Practical Suggestions:

- Choose wisely who you spend the most time with.
Spend time with F.A.T. students: faithful, available, teachable.
- It can be a more formal or more informal relationship.
- God's Word is the greatest discipleship tool.
- Use simple, easy to remember materials.
This makes the lesson reproducible and transferable.
Lessons available at utabsm.com/resources. Especially under “Equipping”.
- Meet up weekly in groups of three. (Or one-on-one.)
- Involve people in ministry more than meetings.
Always ask, “How do you want to apply this lesson?”
Use the D.I.C.E. – Discipleship In the Context of Evangelism.



What is the problem in finishing the Great Commission? Not enough disciple makers.

- Luke 10:1-3 – After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

You can do this! And it's worth giving your life to!

- Matthew 4:18-20 – ‘Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”
- Matthew 25:23 – ““His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”