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FAQ about
Disciple-Making

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What is Authentic Discipleship all about?



Disciple: a follower of Jesus Christ. Amplified: a committed follower of Jesus Christ who is intentionally becoming more like him, extending his mission (following, growing, sent).



Disciple-making: making followers of Jesus Christ. Amplified: a committed loving relationship in which disciples of Jesus Christ walk together to intentionally grow in Christlikeness in every area of their lives and, in turn, disciple others.

What is Authentic Discipleship all about?



Paradigm shift. Every Christian from the newest to the oldest is called to be a disciple of Christ.



Presupposition: disciple-making is based on the Gospel in response to what God has done for us.

03 Experiencing someone discipling and mentoring us helps us grow exponentially.

02 Obedience to Christ's authoritative Great Commission. All true disciples make disciples.

01 It was the heart of Jesus's ministry (John 17) and we want to be like Jesus.



04 They're the natural byproduct of healthy growing disciples.

05 No other method is so cross-cultural, effective and deeply transformational.

06 Healthy disciple-making reproduces multiplying generations of disciples.

Why is Discipling so Important?

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If it's so important, why is it so neglected?

01 Workaholism

Programs and projects fill our lives, not relationships.

02 Event orientation

We're oriented toward events, not toward growth processes.

03 Pride

Many Christian leaders feel they don't need to be disciples or be discipled or mentored

04 Woundedness

That results in twisted and hurtful disciple-making.

If it's so important, why is it so neglected?

05 Bad experiences

Especially with top-down or imposed disciple-making.

06 Mistrust

Vulnerability is fundamental to disciple-making, but many have been hurt that way

07 Only disciples can make disciples

Being come before doing. And being a disciple is based on surrender, denying ourselves, taking up our cross and dying to self.

08 Programs, curricula and materials

We think these are disciple-making rather than life on life

09 Confusion

Confusing teaching, indoctrination and conceptual adherence with actual disciple-making

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What makes it so difficult?



All of the above! ([see pg.6-7](#))

Spiritual warfare. The world, the flesh and the Devil all militate against disciple-making.



It requires the empowering of the Holy Spirit. It is Christ's life overflowing from the inside out.

It is deeply countercultural in every culture. We don't have a disciple-making culture.



Lack of models. Few leaders are disciples who make disciples.

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How can it best be accomplished? (Micro)



Christ-centered. Connecting with Christ; helping others do the same. Nothing can substitute.



Individual commitment. Each Christian commit to be a disciple, not waiting on others.



A lifestyle - of repentance and grace, two sides of the coin, demonstrated in continual growth.



Multiple discipling models: one-on-one and small group; collegial and apprenticeship. The ideal is when these multiple models come together.



Hearing from God - through the Scriptures, the Spirit, one another and circumstances

How can it best be accomplished?

(Macro - in a church, denomination, city, country)

Vision casting - motivating and inspiring, raising people's awareness.

Discipling mentors or coaches - enabling each leader (pastor, president, CEO, etc.).

The micro (pg.9) - being experienced by each leader and core leadership team.

Participative consultations
Learning together, growing together, sharing best practices.

Training/ equipping. Experienced disciplers helping key leaders develop the lifestyle and culture.

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