**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Disciple-Making**

1. **What is authentic discipleship all about?** (Definitions)
2. *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).
3. *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.
4. Paradigm shift. Every Christian from the newest to the oldest is called to be a disciple of Christ.
5. **Why is discipling so important?**
6. Christ-centeredness. It was the heart of Jesus’s ministry (John 17) and we want to be like Jesus.
7. Obedience - to Christ’s authoritative Great Commission. All true disciples make disciples.
8. Growth. Experiencing someone discipling and mentoring us helps us grow exponentially.
9. Healthy growing churches – they’re the natural byproduct of healthy growing disciples.
10. Transcendence. No other method is so cross-cultural, effective and deeply transformational.
11. Multiplication. Healthy disciple-making reproduces multiplying generations of disciples.
12. **If it’s so important, why is it so neglected? (internal barriers)**
13. Workaholism. Programs and projects fill our lives, not relationships.
14. Event orientation. We’re oriented toward events, not toward growth processes.
15. Pride. Many Christian leaders feel they don’t need to be disciples or be discipled or mentored.
16. Woundedness - that results in twisted and hurtful disciple-making.
17. Bad experiences - especially with top-down or imposed disciple-making.
18. Mistrust. Vulnerability is fundamental to disciple-making, but many have been hurt that way.
19. 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.
20. **What makes it so difficult? (external barriers)**
21. All of the above (#3)! Commonly the internal problems are greater than the external ones.
22. Spiritual warfare. The world, the flesh and the Devil all militate against disciple-making.
23. It requires the empowering of the HS. It is Christ’s life overflowing from the inside out.
24. Programs, curricula and materials. We think these are disciple-making rather than life on life.
25. It is deeply countercultural in every culture. We don’t have a disciple-making culture.
26. Lack of models. Few leaders are disciples who make disciples.
27. **How can it best be accomplished? (Micro** – at a personal level**)**
28. Christ-centered. Connecting with Christ; helping others do the same. Nothing can substitute.
29. Individual commitment. Each Christian commit to be a disciple, not waiting on others.
30. A lifestyle - of repentance and grace, two sides of the coin, demonstrated in continual growth.
31. Multiple discipling models: one-on-one and small group; collegial and apprenticeship. The ideal is when these multiple models come together.
32. Hearing from God - through the Scriptures, the Spirit, one another and circumstances.
33. **How can it best be accomplished?** (**Macro** – in a church, denomination, city or country)
34. The micro (above) – being experienced by each leader and core leadership team.
35. Vision casting – motivating and inspiring, raising people’s awareness.
36. Discipling mentors or coaches - enabling each leader (pastor, president, CEO, etc.).
37. Participative consultations. Learning together, growing together, sharing best practices.
38. Training/equipping. Experienced disciplers helping key leaders develop the lifestyle and culture.