

The Disciple Makers the Disciple Maker Made

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Open: Think about someone who was instrumental in helping you mature as a disciple of Christ. What did they do?

Read & Discuss: Matthew 4:19

1. Here Jesus calls others to follow him and become “fishers of men.” How is being “fishers of men” an appropriate description of what Jesus calls us to? What is Jesus’ role in this process? What is our role? What are some ways we can go “fishing for men”?

Read & Discuss: Matthew 9:10-13

2. Based on this passage, how would you describe the difference in heart attitude between Jesus and the Pharisees towards “tax collectors and sinners”? How does the church tend to treat the godless today? How can we cultivate a heart like Jesus’?

Read & Discuss: Matthew 28:19-20

3. In verse 19 Jesus tells his followers to go and “make disciples of all nations.” What’s the difference between viewing yourself only as a “disciple” and viewing yourself as a “disciple who makes disciples”? What evidence do we see that Jesus’ disciples made other disciples? What do you think would characterize a disciple who makes disciples?
4. Jesus says that as we make disciples we’re to teach them to observe all he has commanded (v. 20). When you’re discipling others and helping them understand what it means to follow Jesus, which commands do you tend to emphasize? Which commands do you tend to avoid? How thorough should our discipleship be?

Read & Discuss: John 17:18

5. Jesus says he is sending his disciples in the same way the Father sent him. What was the result of Jesus being sent? What should be the result of our being sent? What truths are presented in these four passages that should encourage us as we go out into the world to make disciples?

Apply: What’s one way you can better align your life with Jesus’ command to be a disciple-maker?

Pray: Pray that our church would become full of joyful disciples who make disciples.

Matthew 4:19.

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 9:10–13.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 28:19-20.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

John 17:18.

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. (ESV)