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Loving People and Making Disciples

Loving People

- The Greatest and defining purpose of the Church is Loving People!
- The love of God creates purpose and meaning for your life.
- Love is defined by God as 1 John 3:16 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”
- God’s love for us is not based on our merit or potential or beauty.
- God’s love for us is based on compassion (God calls us).

John 13:34-35 ESV A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Making Disciples

Definition (Slide)

"One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another."

"To learn by practice or experience, be taught, acquire a custom or habit, to understand, to know, to be informed, to comprehend."

"Someone who highest affection and action is knowing and becoming like Jesus. Sacrificing everything in life to please their one true love Jesus Christ."

Count the cost (Slide)

Luke 14:26 (Slide)

Luke 14:33 (Slide)

Mark 8:34 (Slide)

The process of Discipleship is achieved:

Studying God's word (so it grows inside us).

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Slide)

Being filled with the Spirit and Power.

Ephesians 5:18-20(Slide)

2 Peter 1:3-8

Nurturing relationships (being part of a Church)

Galatians 6:2 (Slide)

Romans 12:3-13

Living a new way of life (Jesus is our example).

1 Peter 2:21 (Slide)

1 John 2:6, John 13:15, John 12:26

Changing how you think.

Romans 12:2 (Slide)

Changing how you respond.

Acts 16 Paul and Silas in prison. If we have a Godly response it allows the Holy Spirit to move in Power!

Changing who you are (becoming new).

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Slide) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Disciples do good works in humility

Matthew 5:14-16 ESV “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Disciples live fruit filled lives

John 15:8 ESV By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Galatians 5:19-23 ESV Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Disciples make disciples

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2 Timothy 2:2 ESV And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Disciples are role models

1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

John 13:15 ESV For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Disciples are givers

Galatians 6:6 ESV One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Disciples live Holy Lives

Galatians 5:24 ESV And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Disciples are ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Disciples are under the authority of Christ and the Church

Matthew 10:24 ESV "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Hebrews 13:17 ESV Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Disciples go to the lost, sick, messed up people

Matthew 9:9-13 ESV As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Disciples are transformed, and Know God's will

Romans 12:2 ESV Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Disciples don't get entangled in worldly pursuits

2 Timothy 2:1-26 ESV You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Disciples are Humble and puts other people first.

Philippians 2:1-11 ESV So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the

same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ...

Disciples care for their enemies and prays for them

Proverbs 25:21-22 ESV If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.