

What Am I Missing? How Do I Make Disciples Who Make Disciples?

Every generation has to reclaim Jesus' command to make disciples of all the nations. Making new converts and bringing them to spiritual maturity is, indisputably, at the heart of the Great Commission. Yet the Gospel accounts also reveal that when Jesus was training the Twelve, He was not only looking *at* these men; He was looking *through* them. He was developing this small band of "untrained and uneducated men" to lift up their eyes to a plentiful harvest of lost sheep and become the leaders of a vast, worldwide movement. These first disciples who had been trained by Jesus to take the gospel to the world clearly understood that they were not only called to shepherd believers to spiritual maturity, but also to equip and prepare them to do their part in the evangelization of the world.

Jesus' strategy has never been annulled; it has been ignored. His disciples must faithfully and continually make new, reproducing disciples, who make new disciples....who make new disciples. Spiritual multiplication must be at the heart of true biblical discipleship. How this can be done today is the primary question we will address in this workshop.

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- I. A Fresh Look at the Great Commission
 - A. The Text: Matthew 28:18-20
 - B. Authority and Power: Recognizing the Difference
 - C. Jesus' Imperative: Make Disciples
 - D. Two Elements of Jesus' Command
 - E. Jesus' Promise and Its Significance
- II. Deepening Our Understanding of Spiritual Reproduction
 - A. The Language of Disciplemaking in Scripture

- B. The Power of Spiritual Multiplication for Reaching the World with the Gospel
 - C. The Primary Reasons Christians Do Not Reproduce
- III. Developing and Training Those We Disciple to Share Their Faith
- A. The Importance of Casting a Vision for Evangelism
 - B. Developing an Outward Focus to the World from the Beginning
 - C. The Discipled as a Primary Model of Spiritual Reproduction
 - D. Preparing Those You Disciple to Share Their Personal Testimony
 - E. Selecting Effective Means and Methods of Presenting of the Gospel
 - F. Encouraging Those You Disciple to Practice Sharing Their Faith
 - G. The Necessity of Prayer in Bearing Much Fruit

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