

# Multiplication

In this session we will see the difference between making disciples and making disciple-makers. Every one of those we are building up in Christ will not only have a clear vision of being a committed follower of Christ, but also grasp on to the mission of building up those around him and her into maturity in Christ.

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The gospel accounts are very clear about what was the main job of Jesus in his years on this Earth: He came to love and save the people of the world to His Father and his method was to make disciples. In the Great Commission, which is a great summary of His life, He told his disciples to go and multiply their lives in others. And they did.

But what about us, His followers in 21<sup>st</sup> century? Why can it be so rare today to see disciple-making disciples? We will try to identify Biblical principles of making multiplying disciples, give real life examples of how they can be applied and start thinking what it may look like in our own situation.

## I. Multiplication Model of Jesus

### A. Introduction

### B. He came to save the world, but

#### 1. Spent more and more time with less and less people

*Reflection/Q/Discussion: What do you think is general thinking of the church in Europe – more is better or less is better?*

#### 2. E.M. Bounds: “Men are God’s method”

- a. His mandate was to “make disciples”
- b. By meeting their spiritual needs where they were and challenging them to the next level
- c. His goal was multiplication

#### 3. Expected Them To Bear Fruit

- a. John 15:6
- b. Matt 13:31-32
- c. John 17:20-21, 23

C. He sums it up in Great Commission Matt 28:18-20

1. Importance of Matt 28:18-20 from the context
2. Make disciples is the controlling verb – final purpose
3. The other activities – serve this final purpose
4. The in-built reproduction

*Q/Discussion: Do you think that every believer is called to be a disciple of Christ?  
Do you think that every believer is called to become a disciple-maker?  
What is difference between disciple and disciplemaker?*

D. The early church responded

1. The book of Acts
2. 2Tim 2:2

## II. Multiplication in the ideal World

A. The power of multiplication

1. 1 cent the first week or 1 dollar each week?
2. Grain and the chessboard
3. Multi-level marketing businesses
4. Spiritual Addition vs. Multiplication
  - a. Example
  - b. Principles

**“Activity** is no substitute for **production**, and **production** is no substitute for **reproduction.**” **Dawson Trotman**, founder The Navigators

*Questions/comments:*

### **III. Multiplication in the Real World**

A. The shortcuts

*Q: Why do we want to find shortcuts? What are some the most common shortcuts?*

B. The obstacles

*Q: What are the obstacles to making disciple-makers?*

C. Real life contemporary example – the In-Life movement

D. What does it take to start making disciple-makers

1. Faith and conviction
2. Dependency on the Spirit
3. Decision and commitment
4. Simple plan
5. Get ready to pay the price

*Questions:*

### **IV. Action plan**

A. What was God saying to me during this time?

B. What is my personal situation concerning spiritual reproduction?

C. What is God leading me to implement in my ministry? How and when?

***Suggested Readings:***

Dann Spader: *4 Chair Discipling: Growing a Movement of Disciple-Makers*

Robert Coleman: *The Master Plan of Evangelism*

Greg Ogden: *Transforming Discipleship*

Dwight Robertson: *Plan A and there is no plan B*