Discipleship in the Digital Age

The COVID lockdowns created many challenges, but also provided us with new opportunities. This session will examine how we can continue to follow Jesus' command to make disciples even when it is hard to meet in person. If Paul could do it from prison, we can for sure do it from the comfort of our homes!

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I. Yesterday, today, forever disciple-making is the same...

- A. The path of a growing disciple from "Come and See" to "I am Sending You"
 - 1. 5 challenges that Jesus gave
 - a. Come and See
 - b. Repent and Believe
 - c. Follow Me
 - d. Follow Me and I will Make you Fishers of Men
 - e. I am Sending You

- B. How did Jesus approach disciple making?
 - 1. John 1:32 2: 10
 - 2. 3-12-72
- C. Disciplemaking from a distance what did Paul do when confined to one place?

II. June 29, 2007 – the day the world changed

- A. The Impact of the Smart phone
 - 1. Everything is available my preference is no longer constrained by geography
 - 2. Everything is personalized it's all about "me"
 - 3. Everything is convenient don't make me work hard to find something
 - 4. Everything is immediate don't make me wait!
 - 5. Everything is "true" well, at least it's true for me.

III. How then can we respond: 3 stories of discipleship in the digital age.

- A. Serbia a national online ministry with a local, personal impact
- B. Czech Republic discipling new believers in lockdown
- C. Ukraine Apart but together

IV. Keeping it fresh – some online resources

V. Taking it home: