

## **Making Disciples in the Way of Jesus**

There are so many perspectives today on how to make disciples, we run the danger of believing that the Great Commission can be accomplished through programmes, courses, and resources alone. How can we learn from Jesus' method of making disciples? This talk will consider some passages from the gospels and draw key principles from them that are crucial to help us make disciples in the way of Jesus. It aims to drive at the heart and life of the disciple-maker.

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### **I. The Method of Jesus (Mark 3:13-15)**

- A. The gospels reveal Jesus' message AND his method of disciple-making
  - 1. He invested in a few (1-3-12-72-5000)
  - 2. He was actually with them (up close, relational, alongside)
  - 3. He engaged them in mission (sent out to preach, outward-focused)
- B. A rhythm of discipleship: Christ, Church, and Culture (Luke 6:12-19)
- C. Lost, lonely, or limited
- D. Highlight the accountability questions

### **II. Disciple-Making as Invitation & Challenge (Mark 1:16-20)**

- A. Invitation to close relationship
- B. Challenge to kingdom responsibility
- C. Implicit challenge within the invitation

- D. Safe, stagnant, or stressed
- E. Bar of welcome too high, bar of challenge too low
- F. Learning to balance both & discerning what is needed

### **III. How Jesus Equipped His Disciples (Luke 9:1-6, 10-17)**

- A. The significance of being invited in
- B. The significance of being commissioned
- C. The significance of being listened to
- D. The significance of being brought with Jesus
- E. The significance of challenge
- F. The significance of being involved in ministry

### **IV. Final Words**

- A. The best resources for disciple-making