

## The Jesus Model: Going Deeper

Returning to the Jesus Model that was covered in the Foundational Track, the speakers will review the basic principles, and then take them deeper into focused application. Since Jesus is the best model for ministry that exists, a close look at His life gives us the best guidance for a wide range of ministry environments and cultures.

**Paul Bowman** has 20 years of experience in full-time youth ministry in the local church. He has served in a variety of settings throughout Ireland – both urban and rural – working with church and unchurched young people. He is passionate about developing youth ministries that are rooted in the life of Christ, making disciples, and focusing on development of the whole person. He has been leading teams of young people on short-term mission trips to the Czech Republic for 15 years. He is committed to training and equipping the next generation of youth leaders. He lives with his wife Val and their three children in Saintfield, Northern Ireland. He holds a BSc Hons in Community Youth Work.

### Review:

#### What is the purpose of youth ministry?

To fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matt 28:18-20)

"Then Jesus came to them (the eleven disciples) and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age,'"

#### I. Understanding the great commission

The great commission only has one command, “\_\_\_\_\_”. The other three verbs are in a different form and explain the three things we need to do to fulfill this command.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Take the initiative to make contact with non-believers.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Identify people with the person and work of Jesus Christ.

3. Teach them \_\_\_\_\_

Equip people to be active in their faith rather than passive, engaged in serving the Lord

Your youth ministry exists as God's chosen vehicle for assisting believers in the fulfillment of the great commission.

*“Within a few years most organizations loose sight of their mission and become focused on methods - doing things right rather than doing the right things.”*

*Peter Drucker*

## II. How did Christ model the great commission?

John 20:21 "As the father has sent me, I am sending you."

His life serves as the model for our ministry.

Christ modeled the process of making a disciple, as well as the process of building a disciple making ministry.

### A. The process of making a disciple

Christ met people where they were at and challenged them to take the next step forward spiritually. In his life we see five basic types of challenges.

Unbelief -----V ----- Maturity

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:39, 46)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:29, 9:35-38)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:43)
4. Follow me and I will make you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 4:19)
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 20:21)

These show the five basic things we need to do as we challenge a disciple from unbelief toward maturity

Unbelief -----V ----- Maturity

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## B. The product of building a disciple making ministry

As we look at the events of Christ's life we observe that the focus of his ministry changed over time. It is possible to view his ministry in five distinct phases, each which have different priorities.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Focus</i>	<i>Phase</i>
<i>ascension</i>	12(appointed), 12(sent), 70, 120	(4a,4b,4c,4d)
<i>2 years</i>	<b>Multiplication</b> Restructure, Entrust, Support & train <b>Observations about Jesus:</b>	<b>Phase 4</b> Multiplication
<i>6-9 months</i>	<b>Expanded evangelism</b> Cultivate, plant, reap <b>Observations about Jesus:</b>	<b>Phase 3</b> Expansion
<i>1 ½ years</i>	<b>Ministry team</b> Heart, Skills, Knowledge <b>Observations about Jesus:</b>	<b>Phase 2</b> Equipping for ministry
<i>30 years</i>	<b>Healthy core</b> Relationships, Love, Vision, God's Word, Prayer, Jesus <b>Observations about Jesus:</b>	<b>Phase 1</b> Foundation
<i>Birth</i>	<b>Leader</b> Character, Identity, Calling, Testing <b>Observations about Jesus:</b>	<b>Preparation</b>

**Phase 1:**

### 1. The foundation phase in the gospels:

- Matthew 3:1 - 4:17
- Mark 1:1 - 13
- Luke 3:1 - 4:30
- John 1:1 - 4:54

**2. Christ's priorities during this phase**

Read John 1:35-51. What were the characteristics of Jesus' ministry during the first few days after his baptism by John and his time of testing?

- a. Building **Relationships** (John 1:35-39)
- b. Forming a group characterized by **love** (John 1:45-49)
- c. Building **vision** and a sense of expectancy (John 1:42, 50-51)
- d. Communicating **God's Word** (John 1:46)
- e. Building a **prayer** base (Luke 4:1,14)
- f. Communicating a proper understanding of **Jesus Christ** (John 1:36,41,49,51)

**3. What Jesus taught in the foundation phase (Mark 1:14-15):**

- a. Repentance and faith
- b. The Kingdom of Heaven

**III. Going deeper:**

Write down the three most important issues or questions that you are facing in your ministry right now.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What insights or help do you find when you look at these questions through the lens of the Jesus model? Remember the key commands of the great commission – make disciples and look to Jesus.