

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Better Discipleship 2**

TEXTS: Matthew 28:18-20

MESSAGE REVIEW (8/09/26)

1. The problem with discipleship in the church today:

- a) Many are CHURCHED, but few are DISCIPLED!
- b) And, ONLY disciples can MAKE disciples!

2. What is a “disciple” anyway?

- a) Greek word, μαθητής (mathaytays) = A LEARNER, student, apprentice, trainee, adherent, FOLLOWER
- b) English word = *A pupil or FOLLOWER of any teacher or school of thought; one who is voluntarily under the training (DISCIPLINE) of another, in order to propagate that cause or mission.*

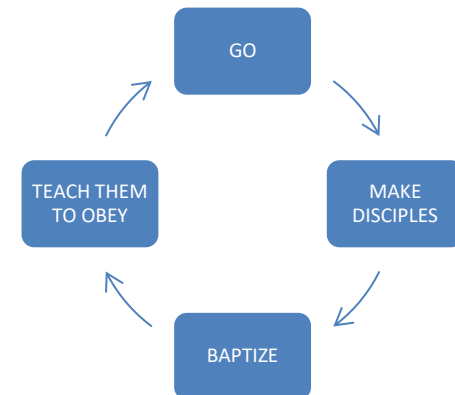
3. What makes us true “disciples” of Christ?

- a) The CHOICE (John 1:35-51; Mat 4:18-22)
CHOOSING Jesus as your Master
- b) The DEPARTURE (Mat 19:21,27-29; Luke 9:23-24)
Leaving your OLD LIFE behind.
- c) The LIFESTYLE (Mat 28:20b; John 8:31; 12:26)
Living daily in His PRESENCE, following His lead.
- d) The GOAL (Luke 6:40; Rom 8:28-29)
Being LIKE CHRIST in every way.
- e) The WORK (Mat 4:19; 11:28-29; 28:19-20; John 15:8; Eph 4:11-16)
Disciple-MAKING and disciple-BUILDING.

MESSAGE INTRO: Have we forgotten _____ the church _____? And, _____ it's _____? (Mark 1:17; Mat 13:47-50)

4. The two stages of discipleship: Mat 28:19-20

- a) _____-conversion discipleship—Make _____
_____ them _____ Christ
- b) _____-conversion discipleship—Make disciple-_____
Build up, _____, train, _____ them in Christ
(Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 3:14-17; Eph 4:11-12)
- c) *The Christian Life Cycle (Mat 28:18-20)*



3. How to get back to disciple making:

- a) _____ Jesus' mission (Mat 4:18-19; 11:28-29; 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 11:23)
- b) Make it _____ one (Acts 4,5,6; Mat 6:33)
- c) _____ yourself in the Word (Ezra 7:10; 1 Pet 3:15; Col 3:16; 2 Tim 2:15)
- d) _____ conscientiously, purposefully, _____
(Mat 11:29; Col 4:5-6; Mat 5:14-16; 2 Tim 2:22-26)
- e) _____ and _____ for opportunities!
(Col 4:2-6; John 4:35; Mat 9:36-38)