

Concept and Philosophy of Disciple Making

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Great Commission is the continental divide of your life. (Matthew 28)
- B. There are sins committed by unbelievers and believers against the Holy Spirit.

II. Sins of unbelievers against the Spirit.

- A. Blasphemy. (Matthew 12:31-32)
- B. Resistance. (Acts 7:51)
- C. To scorn the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 10:29)

III. Sins of believers against the Spirit.

- A. Lying. (Acts 5:3)
- B. Grieving. (Ephesians 4:3)
- C. Quenching. (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

IV. With 60 years to reflect, John taught that there are three basics for discipleship.

A. The Word of God. (John 8)

1. To continue in God's Word means to the Words of Jesus. (Mark 22:15)
2. To continue in God's Word means to learn more about Christ's life.
3. To continue in God's Word means to penetrate into the meaning of the words.
4. To continue in God's Word means to obey.

B. Love. (John 13)

1. Real love is enduring. (1 Corinthians 13)
2. Jesus laid aside his garments in love to serve. (Philippians 2)
3. People will know that they are Jesus' disciples by their love for one another. (John 13:1)

C. Bearing fruit. (John 15)

1. Jesus called himself the vine of reality.
2. Fruitfulness is always Christ likeness. Christ likeness is reality.
3. Christ leaves us with the promise that he is with us.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important for the Christian to be aware of his or her relationship to the Holy Spirit?

2. How have you seen real love modeled by someone in your life?

3. How can you maximize your time in God's Word? Explain.
