

# **What is Discipleship?**

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## **I. Introduction.**

A. Text: Matthew 28:19-20.

B. Basic assumptions.

1. Jesus Christ was the Son of God.
2. Since Jesus was the Son of God, He knew the most effective way to reach people.
3. Jesus based His ministry on some clearly defined principles. Jesus gave us the divine method.

## **II. The effect of Jesus' training. (Acts 2:42)**

- A. God's first step in growing a ministry is addition.
- B. God's second step in ministry is multiplication. (Acts 6)
- C. God used persecution to scatter the people all over to multiply churches. (Acts 9:31)
- D. Churches were started daily. (Acts 16:5)

## **III. Jesus' method was disciple making.**

- A. Jesus poured most of His life into twelve men in order that they might reproduce.
- B. Discipleship is a relationship between an older Christian and younger Christian with the intent of reproducing.
- C. Whenever there was a failure to disciple, the spiritual condition of the people suffered.

## **IV. Faithful men were to pass down truths to other faithful men. (II Timothy 2:2)**

- A. There are many ways to share a message, but none as effective as one on one ministry.
- B. Keywords.
  1. Relationship.
  2. Reproduction. (Genesis 1:28)

## **V. Reasons we ought to do discipleship.**

- A. God commands it. (Matthew 28)

- B. It is the only way we are ever going to win the world.
- C. Baby Christians do not reproduce Christians—Christians must be helped to grow.
- D. It is the key to leadership shortage.
- E. Discipleship can work anywhere because it is based upon a relationship.

**Application questions:**

1. How did Jesus model discipleship, and what was its effect?

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2. Which reason for discipleship do you find most compelling? Why?

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3. Memorize Matthew 28:19-20 and write it below. What stand out to you about this verse? Explain.

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