

THE GREAT COMMISSION

A Missions Equipping Strategy for Church Planting Movements

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“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.” (*Matthew 28:19&20*)



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INTRODUCTION

It is with deep appreciation that we join you for this specialized course on discipleship training. Since there are no experts in the field of discipleship, we can simply enjoy learning together. For my part, I will be passing on what I have received from my Pauls and Timothys.

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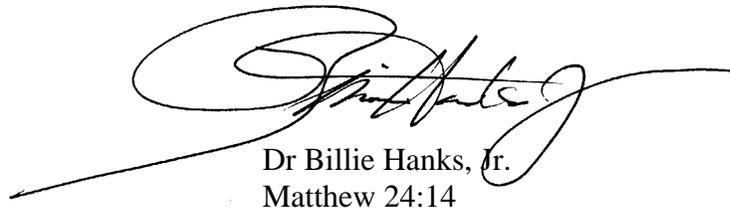
“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)

The guiding principles for all discipleship training belong to the Old and New Testaments, so they are God's gift to every Christian. Our united mission is to apply these principles in the 21st century. This scriptural challenge has remained in force since the Great Commission was first given and became the church's missionary mandate.

Multiplying Christians ultimately produce multiplying churches, so the timeless objective of any missions' strategy is to win and train as many people as possible who in turn will evangelize and disciple others. The principles presented in this course are not new, however, they are transcultural, eternally relevant, and do not depend on literacy. They are also powerful enough to revitalize any life, church, or denomination that faithfully applies them!

If Moses had not trained Joshua; if Elijah had not trained Elisha, and if Barnabas had not trained Paul, stop to consider the great good the entire world would have lost. Now it's our turn to invest in the lives of others. We can adopt new Christians like Paul did Timothy, or lead them to Christ ourselves, but disciple-making requires an intentional commitment to spend quality time equipping new and growing believers. May that high privilege be yours and mine as we *“...press toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 3:14)

In That Prayer,



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Matthew 24:14

