

# **Making Disciples: How to Work with Laymen**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The concept of selection is uncomfortable for some, but it is biblical. (Exodus 18; Mark 1:44; 3; Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:2)
- B. Men are must be chosen carefully for development.

## II. Five suggestions for selecting men.

- A. Faithful.
- B. Available. (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- C. Interdependence, which refers to a healthy relationship in the body of Christ. (Luke 9)
- D. Teachable, which is a synonym for humility. (Acts 18:24-28)
- E. Holiness. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

## III. Definitions.

- A. You want balance in the kind of leaders in your home.
- B. There are various ways that a person can be successful.
- C. We ought to recruit several men for mutual accountability.
- D. "Working with."
  - 1. Serve with a man in his context to build a context relationship.
  - 2. Have the man clarify his understanding of the doctrine of the body of Christ. It is important to understand how a man relates to the body of Christ.
  - 3. We need to help each man find his gifts and callings so they can do the work of ministry. (John 17:4)

## E. Objectives.

- 1. We need to help each preserve their contact with other nonbelievers.
- 2. We need to help a man with unbiblical presuppositions.
- 3. Suggest alternative ministry activities that fit into his culture.
- 4. Every healthy ministry has seasons of harvest. We should not compare with others. (John 4:1)

## IV. Principles of disciple making.

- A. People only believe what they discover.
- B. Give maximum exposure to the truth commensurate with capacity. (Isaiah 28:9-10, Proverbs 25:16)
- C. See and hear the truth simultaneously. (1 Thessalonians 5:6, 1 John 1:1)
- D. Target the conscience. (2 Corinthians 4:1)
- E. The truth will always rise again.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is selection of people for ministry training so important?

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2. What activities are important for making a disciple? Explain.

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3. Which principle for disciple making did you find to be most helpful? Why?

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