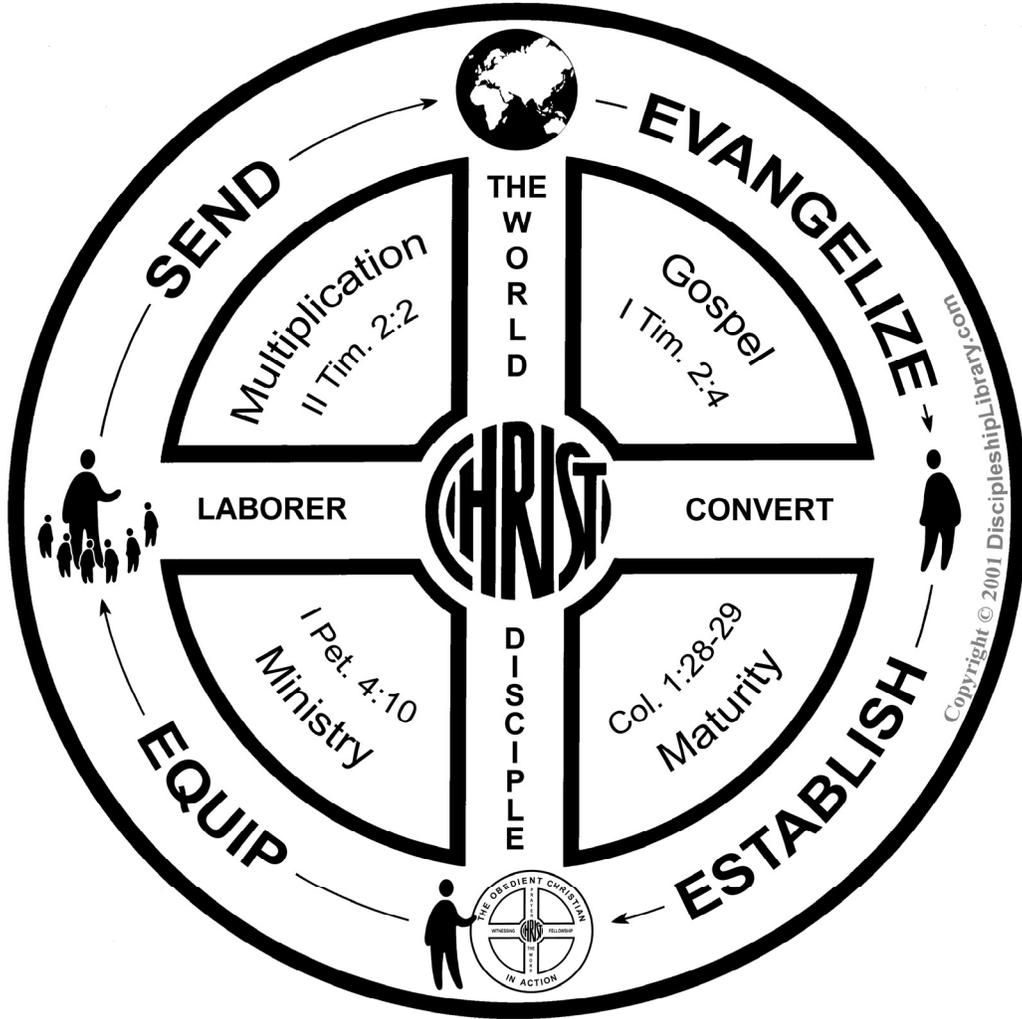


A Vision for Disciplemaking
Key Men's Conference

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And the things that thou hast heard of Me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Timothy 2:2

Making Disciples As A Layman

Matthew 28:18-20 – Disciplemaking came from the Lord Jesus Himself. It is His plan for how the world will hear about Him and how those who receive Him will grow to be like Him.

I. Disciplemaking is a command of the Lord Jesus Christ - *John 17: 4,6 John 20:21*

A. This command applies to you and me.

Born To Reproduce: Luke 10:2 (KJV) The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

B. Going therefore:

The only direct command is to disciple

Matthew 28:18-20 (Greek Interlinear Translation By Alfred Marshall)
"And approaching, Jesus talked with them saying: All authority in heaven and on the earth was given to Me. Going therefore, **disciple** ye all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatever I gave command to you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age."

Acts 1: 8

C. Jesus told us how we are to make His disciples

1. We are to evangelize them - John 3:3 Ephesians 2:10
2. Baptizing them in the Name - Luke 24:47
3. Teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded us.

"Observe" is the difference between just knowing what to do and knowing what to do and then doing it.

We are not doing just Bible knowledge. We focus on application

D. The Commands of Jesus - *Commands that are necessary beginning points for discipleship*

1. A total commitment of Lordship - Luke 14:26-33 "...You cannot be My disciples"

2. A willingness to spend the time to saturate our lives with His Word

John 8:31 Continuing in the Word shows that we are true disciples.

3. Choosing to exercise selfless love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

John 13:34-35 - By our Love all men will know that we are His disciples

4. We must abide in Christ and let his Spirit fill us so that we bear much fruit. - *Spiritual fruit proves that we are His disciples (John 15:8).*

(a) Fruit of Character - Our character should look increasing more like Jesus'

(b) Fruit of sowing and reaping the gospel - We will be alert and looking for ways to reach out to those around us. John 4:36-38

(c) Fruit of making other disciples - Matthew 28:19

Disciplemaking is communicating and sharing our own walk with Christ.

E. Discipleship is a lifelong journey - Romans 8:29

F. Authority to do this ministry - Matthew 28:18. We have all the authority in heaven and on earth behind us.

II. Our Commitment to Disciplemaking as a Layman

Commitment of availability in our own lives - a commitment to be willing to do either vocational or secular work.

III. Keys to Making Disciples as a Layman

A. Living a victorious life - I Cor. 15:57,58

1. Moral Purity - Pr. 4:14,15

2. Bitterness - Heb. 12:15, Eph. 4:31,32

3 Consistency in the basics

B. We need likeminded fellowship and leadership

C. We will have to have a clear set of priorities, goals, and use of time - Ps. 39:4

D. Learn the Lord's perspective about work - Gen.2:15, John 6:27

E. Practice financial responsibility & keep your life free from unscriptural debt - Pr. 22:7 I John 2:15,16

F. Biblical marriage and family

G. Learn all that you can about discipling this weekend!