

Multiplying Disciples

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I. Introduction.

II. The initiative of the saint is toward knowing Christ. (Philippians 3:10)

- A. If the emphasis of a teaching is on God it is from God.
- B. If the emphasis of a teaching is on man, it is not from God.

III. God's method is multiplying disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)

- A. The Bible places the emphasis on disciples not Christians.
- B. The scope of our call is the whole world. (Mark 15)
- C. The message of our call is repentance and forgiveness of sin. (Luke 24:47; 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- D. The power of the message is the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

IV. We must cry to Jesus above all. (John 13:13; Acts 10:36)

V. We have a God-given responsibility to obey the laws of the land unless the law is diametrically opposed to God's commands.

VI. How we will know a disciple.

- A. Love of other Christians. (John 13:35)
- B. Continuing in the Word of God. (John 8:31)
- C. Fruitfulness. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22; John 15:16; Matthew 5)

VII. A disciple needs.

- A. A working knowledge of the Word of God through preaching, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating. (2 Timothy 3:17)
- B. Ministry skills.
- C. Cultural sensitivity and adaptability.
- D. Christian character, which is mostly caught instead of taught.
- E. Vision from God to know God, to know God's heart and to know your own God-given vision. (Exodus 33)

Application questions:

1. What is God's method for reaching the world? Explain.

2. What are some ways that you can grow as a disciple?

3. How can you practically develop disciples? How can you measure this?
