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DISCIPLE *SHIFT* (PART 1 OF 2)

Our calling on planet earth is to ask what we are created to be.

"Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to do." *Ephesians 5:17 (TLB)*

"But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God." *Acts 20:24 (GNB)*

Our purpose in life is answered by the unfinished work of the Church.

Jesus teaches in Matthew 28:19-20 that the purpose is to make disciples of all nations.

Then why are so many more like attendees than disciples?
Is something missing in Church today?

1. Disciple Making is Relational

Culture puts an incredible emotional weight on the shoulders of an individual.

Every time Christ calls a person, He places him or her in a community.

Christ redefines family around the community of disciples (Matthew 12:48-50).



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“While our natural families are still the most significant earthly relationships, we must learn to situate our natural families under the overarching rubric of the family of God – not as distinct social entities competing for time and attention but as members of the same family.” Joseph Hellerman

The family and the local church are two sides of the same discipleship coin working together to form the next generation in Christ - Brian Haynes.

Spiritual Friends (Eccl. 4:12).

2. Disciple Making is Purposeful

Jesus: “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men” *Matthew 4:19*

- **A disciple is someone who:**
 - is following Christ
 - is being changed by Christ
 - is committed to the mission of Christ (to save people from their sin)

(attributed to Jim Putman)

- **A disciple is:**
 - Following Christ: “follow me” (v.19a).
 - Being changed by Christ: “I will make you” (v.19b).
 - Committed to the mission of Christ: “fishers of men” (v.19c).

Jesus: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” *Matthew 28:19-20*



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Disciple making is reaching people with the gospel, nurturing them in their walk with Christ to grow into His likeness and spurring them to continue this process with others.

- **Disciple Making is:**

- Reaching people with the gospel: “go” and “make disciples” (v. 19).
- Nurturing their walk with Christ: “teaching them to obey everything I’ve commanded you” (v. 20).
- Nurturing growth into His likeness: “baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (v. 19).
- Continue this process with others: “go” and “make disciples” (v.19)

3. Disciple Making means Culture Transformation

In July 2018, our Vision, Mission and Core Values got updated.

The shift is from running programmes to making disciples.

- We started with strengthening our cell groups.

E-mail for Cell Connection

“I don’t know anyone in the church, I’m really looking for a group that sits together at service and maybe has lunch afterwards? I’m looking for something a bit more than Friday meetings only. Hope that detail helps! Thank you again.

(Name).”

Summary

- Disciple Making is Relational
- Disciple Making is Purposeful
- Disciple Making means Culture Transformation



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Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis

- Lion to Lucy: But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.

Am I growing up in the Lord or am I just growing older?

1. Disciple Making Dimensions

- **Scriptural Foundation**

- Jesus: "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" *John 8:32*
- Knowledge outcomes build the foundation of faith.

- **Spiritual Experience**

- There are milestone experiences formative for faith.
- God's Spirit is responsible for our spiritual rebirth in Christ and our ongoing renewal into His image.
- Experience Outcomes is encountering the Truth (Psalm 34:8).

- **Surrendered Life**

- Disciple making is primarily based on obedience.
- God's Spirit is active, and our disciple makers are discipling us, but you and I need to respond.
- Obedience Outcomes is submitting our will to Christ (Psalm 40:6-8).



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2. Disciple Making is a Long Obedience

Discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction - Eugene Peterson.

The goal of disciple making is to equip the child, young person and adult to have a lifelong relationship with Christ and to make disciples.

- **Obstacles**

- Our hearts are idol factories – *Tim Keller*
- We try to find life in false vines.

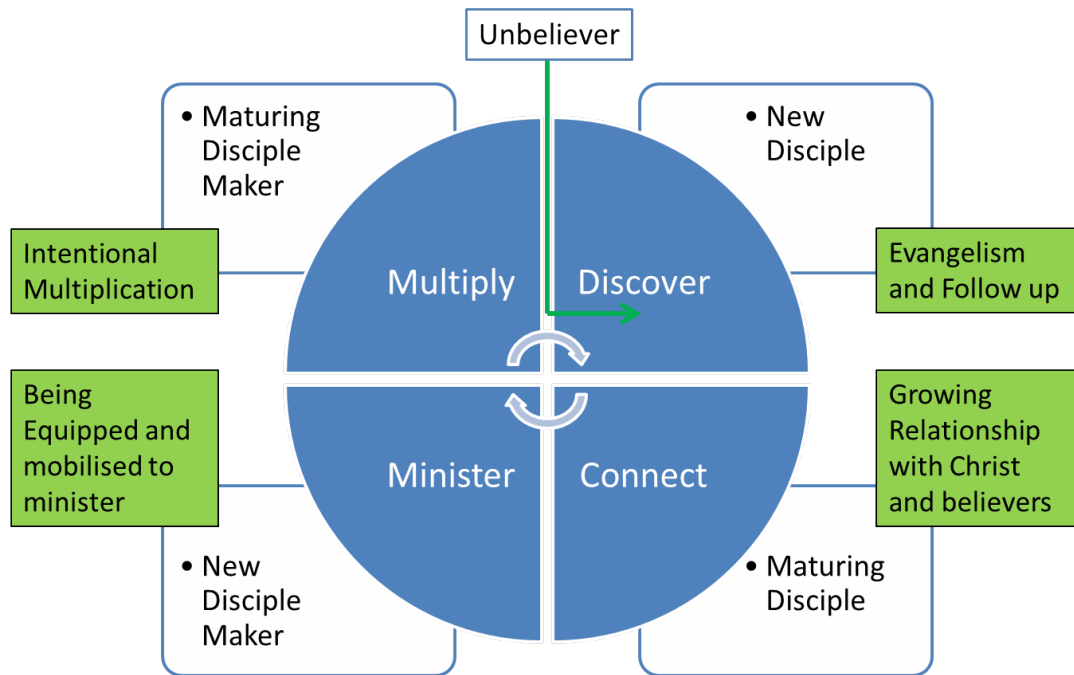
The church is the only institution in society that connects with people from cradle to grave – *Linda Hoops*

Our life on earth is a preparation for eternity.

- **Good News**

- Our church is relational.
 - Many show care and concern to others.
- Whole Life Inventory findings in July 2016.
 - 26% being discipled.
 - 51% not discipled but desired to be discipled.
 - 23% not discipled and do not wish to be discipled.

3. Disciple Making Roadmap



- The aim is to make it easy for all to identify where we are and what our next step might be.
- This tool is for pre, new and growing Christians.
- This tool illustrates major steps to help us grow spiritually as a disciple.

Summary

- Disciple Making Dimensions
- Disciple Making is a Long Obedience
- Disciple Making Roadmap



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Next Steps

1. Express gratefulness to our family
2. Be planted in a local church.
3. Seek out a Paul
4. Be a Barnabas.
5. Seek out a Timothy