The Message Gathering

Destined To Disciple Session 7: The Dissemination Of Discipleship

The Declaration and The Direction Of Discipleship

The Declaration

Matthew 28:19-20a (KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . .

The Direction

Luke 24:45-48 (NIV)

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Corinthians 5:17-20a (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

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- 2. It Takes Less Effort
- 3. It Requires Less Experience
- 4. It Removes Personal Commitment
- 5. It Allows For Selfishness
- 6. It's What We Have Been Taught
- 7. It's Not Always Successful

The Top 4 Things That Every Faithful Disciple Does To Invite People To Jesus:

- 1. Sow Seed
- 2. Sow More Seed
- 3. Never Stop Sowing Seed
- 4. Stop Worrying About The Harvest

We're Not Responsible For Their Response, Just For Our Relating!

Truth Statement For Today . . .

The Responsibility Of Every Disciple Of Christ Is To Perpetually Disseminate God's Word To Their World.

Questions:

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- What Do You Perceive To Be The Biggest Problem For People When It Comes
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Which One Personally Affects You Least?

- From The Same List, Which One Personally Affects You Most?
- Share A Time When You Shared Jesus To No Effect. How Did This Affect Your Subsequent Sharing?
- What Personal Changes Can You Make This Week To Help You Become A More Faithful Disciple Disseminating God's Word To Your World?
- As We Conclude This Series Destined To Disciple, What Is Your Biggest Personal Take Away?