

# the rhythm of mission

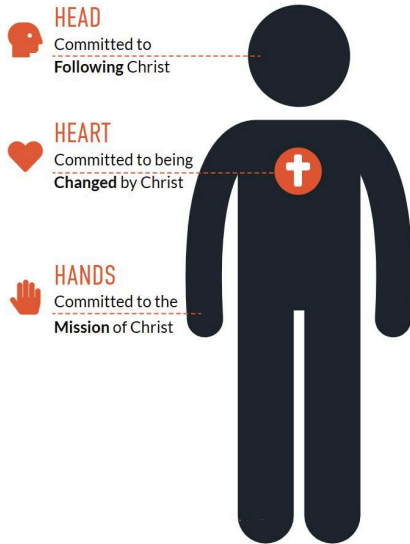
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## WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19



## What is the definition of a Disciple?

Biblical Discipleship Explained | Matthew 4:19

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is:

- Following Jesus
- Being Transformed by Jesus
- Joining Jesus' Mission

This church grows in obedience to Jesus when we remember who we are as disciples of Jesus and are challenged to embrace His mission.

The Mission | Making Biblical Disciples  
in relational environments.

## Challenge #1 | Breaking Through to 2nd Generation Disciple Making

- The phrase Making Biblical Disciples is key for you. The Process of Making Biblical Disciples is "We will make disciples who make disciples of Jesus."

Studies and networks estimate that only a **small minority of churches (single-digit percentages or low teens)** are effectively producing reproducible disciple-makers. Discipleship-movement trackers and mission researchers point to many pockets of strong disciple-making movements (DMMs) globally, but these are unevenly distributed. | Bobby Harrington, founder of Disciple.org

- To Discipling Leader | The art of letting go.

**Matthew 28:18-20 (HCSB)** <sup>18</sup>All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**Acts 1:9 (HCSB)** | <sup>9</sup>He was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

**Discipleship** is simply the state of being a disciple. Unfortunately, in the North American church, discipleship is typically seen as an educational process designed to orient new believers to the biblical and everyday practices of our churches. We try to focus on disciple making, but will sometimes use the expression, "relational discipleship," to show that there is more than just education behind Jesus-style disciple making.

*Bobby Harrington*

- Kicking birdies out of the nest | *They'll leave me, and they won't come back.*
- Risk of rebellion | *People who stray away or cause problems.*

**1 Timothy 4:1** Paul warns prophetically: "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."

**1 Timothy 1:19-20 | 2 Timothy 4:10 | 2 Timothy 2:17-18**

The most explicit personal example is **Demas in 2 Timothy 4:10**, where Paul directly states that someone who had been with him in ministry abandoned him "because he loved this world." This passage particularly captures the heartbreak of seeing someone forsake their faith for worldly attractions.

## Challenge #2 | Those Who Are Not Engaged in Discipleship

The Church in Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22)

Head | I don't feel as if I know enough - *It is too complicated.*

So set in your mind what would be enough

- John 4 - Did she know enough?
- Mark 5 - Did he know enough?
- Acts 8 - Did he know enough?

Get the training you need

### **Acts 4:13 (HCSB)**

<sup>13</sup>When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

- Heart | The Word **Make** in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is a command of Jesus.
- Hands | You have a sin issue that is holding you back.

## Challenge #3 | Hands - What Will I Do?

Listen to the Gospel until you can hear it?

JD Greer | Nothing you can do to make God love you more, and there is nothing you can do to make Him love you less.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (HCSB)** <sup>3</sup>For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one abnormally born, He also appeared to me.

