

Making Discipleship Simple

SEC Mission “Making Disciple Building Communities”

1. Training ministers and members to make disciple and
2. Build Grace Communities where they live, work, worship

Our Training and Resources Show Ministers and Members

1. What Discipleship is About.
2. How Discipleship Happens
3. Why Discipleship is Important

Discipleship is About 3 Distinct Related Experiences

1. **Becoming the True Disciple of Jesus –Jn 15:5-8.**

- When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

2. **Becoming Effective Disciple Makers –Jn 20:21, Matt 28:19**

- As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”
- Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,

3. **Building Disciple Making Churches –Matt 16:18, Eph 4:11-16**

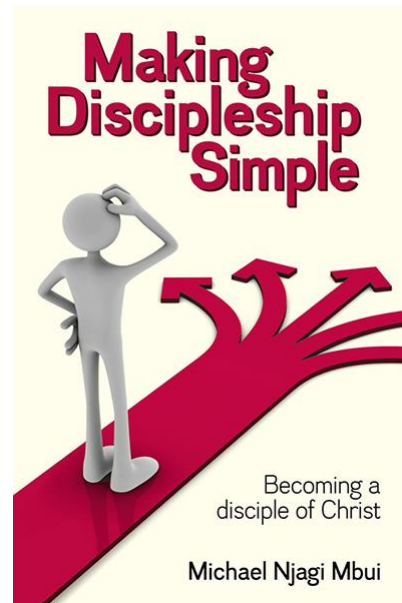
- Eph 4:11 ff...equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church
- **Upon all who believe, God has placed a burden of raising up churches.’**
(EGW Medical Ministry, 315)

Who are the True Disciples of Jesus

The General Meaning: A learner or pupil attached to a teacher, a teaching or a school of thought. *NT Greek Matt 5:1 “mathetes from manthano –to learn” (SDA Dictionary, p. 288)*

In the NT the Disciples of Jesus are called to be

- a. Learners –Matt 11:29;
- b. Followers: Matt 4:19, Mk 10:21;
- c. Obedient Lovers: Matt 22:39-40, Jn 14:15
- d. Fruitful Witness: Acts 1:8, Matt 5:16



The Most Comprehensive Meaning of Disciples

1. A Person **LIVING** the life of Jesus:

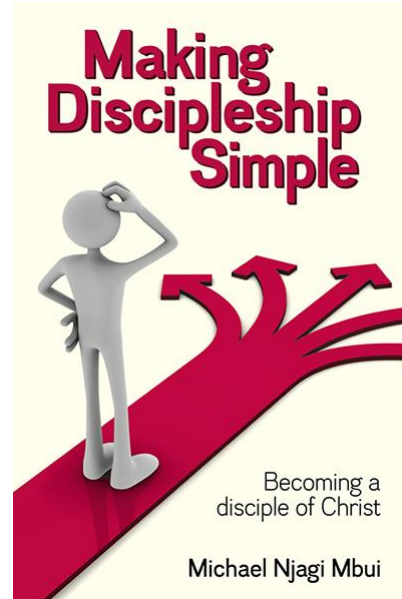
- Gal 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;

2. A Person **REFLECTING** the life of Christ

- John 5:5-8: When you bear much fruit (Christ's life) you become my disciples”

3. A Person **REPRESENTING** the life of Christ:

- 2Cor 5:20 ...we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.



Discipleship is about Jesus in me and through me

1. Discipleship is not a Status we are accorded (awarded) but an **EXPERIENCE** we are afforded (offered), an experience of

a. Following Jesus, Fellowshiping with Saint and Fishing for Sinners to make them His disciples (Mk 1:17, 1Jn 1:7)

b. Living for Jesus and Leading others to Jesus (2Cor 5:15, Jn 1:40-42)

2. Fannie Bolton: SDA Hym 570: Not I, but Christ, be honoured, loved, exalted; Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard; Not I, but Christ, in every look and action, Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word.

*Not I, but Christ, to gently soothe in sorrow. Not I, but Christ, to wipe the falling tear:
Not I, but Christ, to lift the weary burden, Not I, but Christ, to hush away all fear.*

How Disciples Live the Life of Jesus

1. The Holy Spirit **Originates, Grows and Gifts Christ's life**

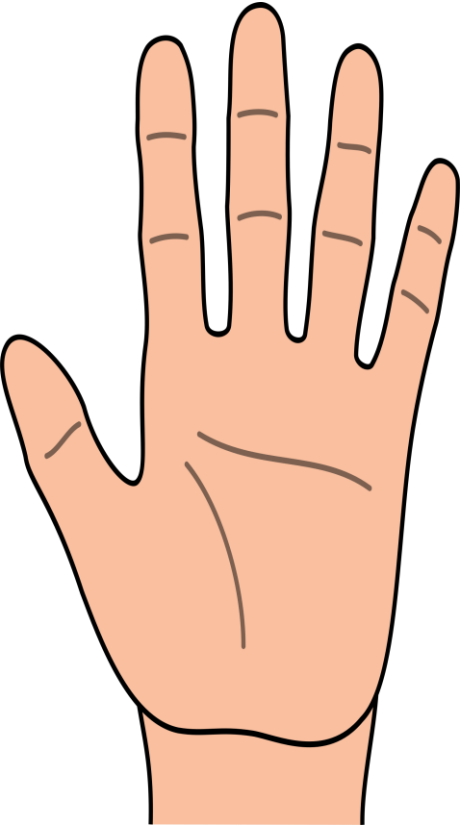
- Jn 3:5-8. I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit,...
- Jn 16:12-14, 14:26. He will teach, remind and guide you into all truth
- Acts 1:8 "You will receive power ... you will be my witnesses ..."

2. Disciples live by **LEARNING about Jesus and from Jesus**

a. MT 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,"

- Disciples learn by **LOOKING** at the works and **LISTENING** to the words of Jesus in scripture, saints and society (2Cor 13:18, Jn 3:14-15, Matt 7:25)
- **HEB 10:25** Disciples learn from one another in Accountability Relationship, Discipleship Teams and Group (Pro 27:17, Phil 4:9)

The 5 Practices-KPIs of True Disciples



5 DAILY ROUTINES

1. **Looking** at Jesus – Heb 12:2,
2. **Listening** to Jesus – Mt 7:25,
3. **Learning** from Jesus – Mt 11:29,
4. **Living** for Jesus – Gal 2:20,
5. **Leading** others to Jesus – Acts 1:8

Reflection and Prayer

- a. How much time alone do you spend with Jesus everyday?
- b. How is your church training member to learn from Jesus?

How Disciples Make other Disciples

Jesus Modelled how to Make Disciple Makers

People became disciples from what they heard-saw-experienced. Jesus disciplined by

1. **SHOWING** the gospel in acts of mercy and kindness. Matt 4:23-25, Rom 5:8
2. **SPEAKING** the gospel in Preaching and Teaching. Mk 1:14-17
3. **SCHOOLING** or training those who responded to live gospel. Lk 10:17-24.
4. **Christ Method:** He mingled, ministered, invited and instructed responders- **EGW** –

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How Disciples Make Others Disciples-Luke 10:1-24

1. LK 10:1-24. How Jesus Trained Disciples

- LK 10:1-2: **Pair and Pray.** Teamworking
- Lk 10:8-9: **Interact and Intervene.** Eat and heal o
- Lk 10:9, 17-24: **Invite and Instruct.** Teach and train them in the Gospel

2. How Disciples and church make disciples

a. **Show the Gospel by first becoming Salt then Light.** **Matt 5:13-16**-Salt must mingle to give flavour, heal and transform

b. **Speak the Gospel-** **Mk 1:16:15-18.** Preach, teach, tell, testify, witness.

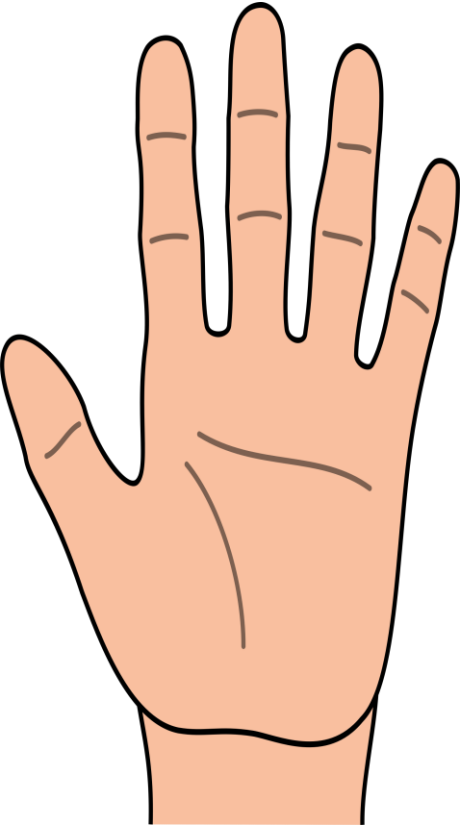
c. **School in the Gospel-** **Lk 6:40. 2Tim 3:16-17.** Training those who respond to live and share the Gospel.

The 5 Practices of Effective Disciple Makers

- 1. Interceding: Lk 10:2** - Pray for and with all your communities
- 2. Interacting: Lk 10:8** - Mingle to befriend and hear them
- 3. Intervening: Lk 10:8-** Minister to heal and help
- 4. Inviting: Lk 10:9.** Teach and invite to God's plan for their lives
- 5. Instructing-Training: Lk 6:40** –Mentor them to make disciples

Reflection and Prayer

1. How much time each day/week do you spend discipling others?
2. How much time does your church spend on disciple making?
3. How is your church training member to be disciple makers?



Growing Disciple Making Churches

Matt 16:18-21. Jesus Established the Church to become

- a. A Priesthood of Faithful Worshippers – 1 Pet 2:9: Jn 4:23-25
- b. A Family of Fellowshiping Friends – Eph 2:19-20: Jn 15:15, 1 Jn 1;7
- c. A Fearless Army of Fruitful Witness – 2 Tim 2:3: Acts 1:8
- d. The Church is God's Family of Worshippers and Witnesses**

Reflection and Prayer

1. How much time do you give daily for worship, fellowship and disciple making?
2. How much time does your church weekly spend on worship, fellowship and witnessing?
3. How is your church training member to be a family of worshippers and witnesses?

Why Discipleship is Important

1. Discipleship was the **Mission of Christ** –Lk 19:10, 4:18, 7:21-22.
2. Discipleship was **Christ's Commission to Church**–Matt 28:19.
3. Discipleship is the **Work of the Holy Spirit** –Jn 16:14-16.
4. Discipleship is the **mission of the SDA church CM-129**.
5. Discipleship makes the church **obedient to God's vision** –Acts 26:17-19.

Teaching, Preaching and Practicing Many Things but not the MAIN Things

a. Church can teach, preach and practice many things but not the main things

b. Christ's Mission, Methods and Message, His Vision and Values etc

c. Let us Faithfully Grow a Disciple Making Culture in His church