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Because of everyday Discipleship



The answer...

We are discipling people from knowing Jesus to living Jesus...

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Them.

The world and those in it.

“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.””

(Act 1:8, NIV)

“Therefore, **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

(Mat 28:19, NIV)

The **process** of discipling the world



Firstly : **Prayer** is always the first step...

“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside
to pray and spent the night praying to God.”

When morning came, he called his disciples to him and
chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:”

(Luk 6:12-13 NIV)

Secondly: **Connect** with people in whatever possible and best way...

The progression of connection...

Casual talk

“Then a woman from Samaria came to draw water. **Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink"**

“The Samaritan woman asked Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

(For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.)

(Joh 4:7,9 AMP)

“Jesus answered her, "If you knew [about] God's gift [of eternal life], and who it is who says, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him [instead], and He would have given you **living water** (eternal life).”
(Joh 4:10, AMP)

“She said to Him, “Sir, **You have nothing to draw with** [no bucket and rope] and the well is deep.

Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and who used to drink from it himself, and his sons and his cattle also?”

(Joh 4:11-12, AMP)

“Jesus answered her, "**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.** But whoever drinks the water that I give him will never be thirsty again. But the water that I give him will become in him a spring of water [satisfying his thirst for God] welling up [continually flowing, bubbling within him] to eternal life.””

(Joh 4:13-14, AMP)

Serious talk

“The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not get thirsty nor [have to continually] come all the way here to draw. At this, Jesus said, "**Go, call your husband and come back.**" (Joh 4:15-16, AMP)

“The woman answered, "I do not have a husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I do not have a husband for you have had five husbands, **and the man you are now living with is not your husband.** You have said this truthfully." (Joh 4:17-18, AMP)

Spiritual talk

“Jesus replied, “Woman, believe Me, a time is coming [when God's kingdom comes] when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will **worship the Father in spirit** [from the heart, the inner self] **and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers.**”

(Joh 4:21,23 AMP)

Scriptural talk

“The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ--the Anointed); when that One comes, He will tell us everything [we need to know].“Jesus said to her, **"I who speak to you, am He (the Messiah)."**

(Joh 4:25-26 AMP)

The progression of connection...

We must acquire the skill of taking a conversation from **casual** to **serious**, from serious to **spiritual** and from spiritual to **scriptural**.

Thirdly: Find the person of peace...

“If **someone who promotes peace** is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.”

(Luk 10:6, NIV)

Lastly: Show the way...

“Oh, I don’t reject Christ, I love Christ.
It’s just that so many of you Christians are so unlike Christ.
If Christians would really live according to the teachings
of Christ , as found in the Bible,
all of India would be Christian today. ”

-Gandhi-

We are not pointing people to our own goodness,
but to the perfection of Jesus. We can not convert
people, it is Jesus saving people!

The conclusion:

If you want an easy, unopposed, persecution-free life, then you should keep your faith to yourself and not make disciples.

But if you want the world to change, and Christ to rule in and through everyone and everything, disciple-making is the only way.

The conclusion:

Disciple-making requires total attention and devotion to becoming like Christ, and helping others to become like Christ, not only believing in Christ, but living Christ! In the gospels, following Jesus and making disciples is seen as one thing.

We must ask ourselves: **can we be called Christians if we do not make disciples?**

Discipling the world

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, **and it gives light to everyone** in the house." "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Mat 5:14-16, NIV)