

# Each One Reach One – Part 3

## The Disciple-making Church

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“I find it both sad and appalling that we’ve used the great doctrine of justification by faith and God’s grace to teach that people don’t really need to follow Jesus to be Christians.”

Bill Hull, *The Complete Book of Discipleship*, p. 14.



The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ. Such a man knows that the call to discipleship is a gift of grace, and that the call is inseparable from the grace...

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, p. 10.



But those who try to use this grace as a dispensation from following Christ are simply deceiving themselves.

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# Discipleship Our Mission

## Jesus Our Example



# The Master's Mandate



## *Matthew 28:19-20*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."  
Amen.

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# *The Master's Mandate*

- The purpose of the Church: “Make disciples”
- The product of the Church...





## *A Disciple...*

1. Submits to the Lordship of Christ
2. Abides in the Teachings of Christ
3. Reveals the Character of Christ
4. Reflects the Love of Christ
5. Shares in the Sufferings of Christ



“It is not the main job of the church to turn out a lot of work, to list a long string of members, or raise a lot of money. It is the main job of the church to fashion people who behave like Jesus Christ — and they cannot be hewn out of the mediocre mass wholesale, but only one by one.”

Sam Shoemaker



# The Master's Method



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- Jesus' Invitations:
  - “Come and See”
  - “Come and Follow Me”
  - “Come and Be With Me”
- Jesus' Final Words:
  - “Abide in Me”/ “Go Make Disciples”



# *Making it work in the local church*

1. Evangelising
2. Establishing
3. Equipping



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# *2. Establishing & Equipping*

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# *1. Evangelising*

- Public programs
- Printed materials
- Personal ministry



“The sowers of the seed have a work to do in preparing hearts to receive the gospel. In the ministry of the word there is too much sermonizing, and too little of real heart-to-heart work. There is need of personal labor for the souls of the lost...

Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 57



In Christlike sympathy we should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life. Their hearts may be as hard as the beaten highway, and apparently it may be a useless effort to present the Saviour to them...

Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 57



but while logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root.”

Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 57



“There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled...

Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143



...We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.”

Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143



“Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143



1. SOCIALIZE:

“The Saviour mingled with  
[people]”

2. SYMPATHIZE:

“He showed His sympathy  
for them”

3. SERVE:

He “ministered to their  
needs”

4. SAVE:

“Then He bade them,  
‘Follow me’”



CONFIDENCE





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“Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling...

E. G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 21



Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what the church lives.”

E. G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 21



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