

Each One Reach One – Part 2

The Master's Plan of Evangelism

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The Master's Method



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



Disciple-making: Addition vs. Multiplication



If I gave you the choice of having one dollar each week for fifty-two weeks OR one cent the first week and an amount each subsequent week that was double the previous week's amount, which of the two would you choose?



\$52

OR

\$22,517,998,136,852.48





Evangelism vs. Discipling

1.	365,000	2
2.	730,000	4
10.	3,650,000	1024
19.	6,935,000	524,288
25.	9,125,000	33,554,432
26.		67,108,864
184.	67,160,000	



Discipleship Our Mission

Jesus Our Example



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Jesus First Invitation—“Come and See”

- Jesus extended an invitation to five men to become His disciples and exposed them to the nature of His ministry (John 1:35-4:46).
- He gathered them around Himself and cared for them as He exposed them to God’s power and message.



Jesus First Invitation—“Come and See”

- During this initial four-month period, he allowed people to observe who he was and to learn what he planned to do.
- He answered their questions at length. But, even though he was indeed the Messiah, he did not force himself on the people of Israel.



Jesus First Invitation—“Come and See”

- At the close of this four-month introductory period, He turned their eyes toward the harvest (John 4:35) and then sent them home to fish.



Jesus Second Invitation—“Come and Follow Me”

- Jesus extended His second invitation to fishermen by the Sea of Galilee—an invitation to fish for men (Mark 1:16-17). The seeds of His teaching had time to germinate, take root, and grow.
- When Jesus chose these men to come and follow Him, He demonstrated His commitment to training them.



Jesus Second Invitation—“Come and Follow Me”

- Jesus assumed full responsibility: ‘Follow me and I will make you...’
- He would bear the weight of their training.



Jesus Second Invitation—“Come and Follow Me”

- The Master gives a simple invitation—no hard-line ultimatums, no forced behaviour. If you want to come along, now is the time; or, you also have the opportunity to say no. Jesus makes it easy to say no. He doesn't want any rash decisions.



Jesus Third Invitation—“Come and Be With Me”

- During this time Jesus chose the twelve and gave them special responsibility and authority (Matthew 9:37-10:1).
- He planned to pass His work on to them and prepared them for their new responsibility.



Jesus Third Invitation—“Come and Be With Me”

- During this phase, Jesus’ trainees made the critical transition from committed disciples to equipped labourers. This period required total investment, for nearly the entire group of men would eventually die for the cause.



Jesus Final Words—“Abide in Me” / “Go Make Disciples”

- John 13-17 records Jesus’ last days and final instructions before His disciple are released to minister.
- These trained men are now deployed to fulfill their calling



Jesus Final Words—“Abide in Me” / “Go Make Disciples”

- The Commission does not signify the end of a relationship but a change in the relationship, for the Holy Spirit would now lead them.



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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”



“We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organisations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organisation...



...God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men."

E M Bounds, *Power Through Prayer*, p. 11.



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