

Message Series: MOVEMENT – Following Jesus into the Harvest (9-11-16)

WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

I. JESUS MOVEMENT: REPRODUCING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES & LEADERS

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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.

- A. Jesus started a movement. Jesus then commissioned us to make disciples. It's our orders until the end of the age.
- B. Once we finish this mission, Jesus will return.

Matt. 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

- 1. According to the Joshua Project (Joshuaproject.net), there are 16,508 unique people groups in the world. 6,686 are unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is a united effort among the major missions groups to reach these groups in the next several years.
- C. Making disciples starts with Gospel conversations. In order to have Gospel Conversations, we need to understand:
 - 1. Our Identity – Why make disciples?
 - 2. Our Ministry – Who are we called to reach?
 - 3. Our Message – What do we say?

II. WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

3 KEY TRUTHS in 2 COR. 5:17-21

1. What happened? If you're in Christ, you're new (v. 17)
2. How this happened?: Jesus' Exchange (v. 21)
 - a. Our sin was passed on to Jesus on the cross.
 - b. His righteousness was credited to us.
3. Why did this happen? God is on a mission to reconcile the world to Himself (v. 18-20). I am an Ambassador of Christ.
 - (1) I have a Ministry: Who I'm called to reach (the people in my life)
 - (2) I have a Message: What (the Gospel, the message of reconciliation)

1. WHY? - 2 COR. 5:17-21



V17: NEW V21: JESUS' EXCHANGE



V18-20: AMBASSADOR

- MINISTRY - WHO?

- MESSAGE - WHAT?

III. ACTIVATION

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

We learn to make disciples by seeing it modeled, practicing it, and then making disciples ourselves. Activation = Revelation truth + Faith + Obedience.