Disciples Making Disciples
(a Biblical & practical guide to helping others become disciples of Jesus)
The Great Commission

God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” – Gen 1:28

It was God’s plan from the very beginning for humanity to fill the earth, bearing God’s image, to God’s glory! Adam and Eve were not successful in carrying out this mandate, however, and neither were the children of Israel throughout the Old Testament period. But God’s plan was not thwarted.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” – Gen 3:15

While cursing the serpent, God speaks of a “seed” who would eventually defeat Satan. That Seed is Jesus Christ. Where the first Adam failed, this last Adam would succeed. Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He reversed the curse brought on by mankind’s disobedience to God, and now mankind, empowered by the Spirit of Jesus, is in the process of fulfilling that original command to bear God’s image in the earth. Jesus rephrased that original commission in Gen 1:28 in this way:

And Jesus came up 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 the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matt 28:18-20 (see also John 20:21, Luke 24:46-50, and Acts 1:8)

Nothing has changed! You and I have the awesome responsibility to take the message of Jesus to the uttermost parts of the earth and teach people to love and follow Him. And the good news is that His mission will be successful, with or without us (see Is 9:6-7, Ezek 17:22-24, Dan 2:34-35, 44-45, 4:10-12, 20-22, Matt 13:31-33, 24:14, Rev 5:9, 7:9, 14:6-7). The fulfillment of the commission is not on our shoulders, but our response does determine whether or not we will share in His joy and reap the eternal rewards of obedience (1 Cor 3:10-15, Phil 4:1, 1 Thes 2:19).

This booklet is designed to both ground you in the Biblical mandate to go and make disciples, and serve as a practical guide on how to do just that. It is not intended to be an exhaustive resource on discipleship, but rather a primer to help you get off the ground with discipleship in obedience to Jesus.

May you be envisioned, equipped, and empowered to take part in fulfilling the Great Commission!
Why Make Disciples?

*Jesus commanded us to make disciples! Disciple-making is not optional for a follower of Jesus.*

People’s last words are often the most important words they ever utter. Some of Jesus’ last words before ascending to the Father are recorded in Matt 28:18-20. They are stunning, empowering, and critical for us as believers to take seriously. Here is a brief breakdown of this passage known as the Great Commission.

**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth**
What a claim! No other person who has ever lived has ever made such a lofty, yet truthful claim. Jesus wasn’t just speaking philosophically, seeing that He had just risen from the dead in an eternal, glorified body. In short He’s saying, “The task I’m about to give you, I have the ability to guarantee its success.”

**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**
Go. It’s a command. So many church models have centered around “come.” And while we will still invite people to our Lifegroups and church gatherings, Jesus’ primary model for changing the world involves “going,” whether that going means across the hall, street, city, or the ocean... He has given us a mission that involves getting out. And what are we doing as we go? Making disciples. And more specifically, disciples of Jesus. Not converts or new church members, but disciples.

**Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**
The Bible speaks of several baptisms (fire, the Holy Spirit, water...) and though this passage definitely speaks of water baptism, the main emphasis is on the *name* of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God’s name is not just to identify who He is, like Bob or Phil, but His name refers to His nature – His power, grace, eternality, sovereignty, tenderness, etc. Part of making disciples is to immerse people into the name of God so that they in turn glorify this great God with the joyful submission of their lives to Him.

**Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you**
While we are immersing people in the revelation of who God is, we are also teaching them to observe everything that Jesus commanded. That word observe means not just to obey, but to guard closely with our lives. Jesus is saying here that we are to cherish His commands, which would obviously include obedience. As disciple-makers, we need to be familiar with the commands of Jesus (included in this booklet) so that we can be disciples, and so that we can effectively make disciples.

**And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age**
Jesus concludes this Great Commission with a beautiful promise. He began by assuring us He has all authority. Now He promises to be with us always. We have what it takes to make disciples of all nations! Why? Not because we’re great, but because *Jesus* has the authority make disciples, and because *He will never, ever leave us.*
What Is a Disciple?

A disciple is someone who loves and obeys Jesus

What is a disciple? Is someone a disciple if they read the Bible, go to church, give money to charity, or pray? Maybe, but those aren’t the primary telltale characteristics of a disciple. Lots of people do those things and are not disciples of Jesus. In fact, a group called the Pharisees did all of those things and more and were clearly not disciples of Jesus.

But when we look at the lives of the disciples in the Gospels, their lives were characterized by two distinct things that made them different than the Pharisees – they LOVED and OBEYED Jesus, joyfully following and learning from Him (disciple means learner, or student). They loved Him. And out of their love for Him, they obeyed Him. Before we make disciples who love and obey Jesus, we must BE disciples ourselves. Disciples make disciples. And part of loving and obeying Jesus means to make disciples.

Love

Love is what is preeminently required of us. To love God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, this is what we aim to produce in the lives of those we disciple – a genuine love for God. How does someone cultivate a love for God? They get to know Him. Seeking God personally and then equipping people to do the same, this is the essence of discipleship. You won’t have all the answers, but Jesus does. Turn to Jesus, and teach others to do the same. This is what Jesus meant when He said to baptize people in His name. We are to immerse ourselves and others in the wonder and glory of who He is. How can they not but love Him when they begin to see Him for who He really is?!

Obedience

True disciples obey Jesus, but not in an effort to get God to love and approve of them. Rather they obey because they are already loved and approved! The reality is God first loved us, and that’s what compels us to love Him in return (1 John 4:19, 2 Cor 5:14-15) and part of loving Him means to obey Him (John 14:15). Just because someone loves God doesn’t mean they will intuitively know how to obey Him. They must be taught from the Bible, and that’s our job! And an amazing thing happens when we obey Him – we see Him more clearly. And when we see Him more clearly, we see how much we are loved. And when we see how much we are loved, we obey Him. And when we obey Him, we see Him more clearly... and you have this powerful upward spiral that never stops! It ends up looking something like the diagram on the next page.
What Is a Disciple?, cont.

This is life of a disciple of Jesus. And this cycle stands in stark contrast to the cycle that many people repeat when it comes to their spiritual life. The religious cycle, on the other hand, is characterized by a need to earn God’s favor. Most religions operate on this premise. If I need to earn God’s love, then I try to do the things that I think are right. But it’s never enough and this produces shame and guilt which prompts another fruitless attempt at obedience. This is a sad cycle to perpetuate, and it looks something like this:
How Do We Make Disciples?

Jesus’ example: Power, Prayer, and Process

There are a lot of resources out there on how to make disciples. One easy way to summarize all of those great materials is to put it this way: **we follow Jesus’ example**. Let’s take a brief look at how Jesus made disciples — namely where His power came from, His lifestyle of prayer, and the process He used (John 13:15, 1 Pet 2:21, 1 John 2:6).

- **He depended on the power Holy Spirit**
  Jesus is God, yet He voluntarily limited Himself and leaned on the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit as a model for how we are to live (Matt 12:28; John 5:19-20, 30; 8:26-29; 12:49-50; 14:10, 24, 31; 15:15). We cannot produce lasting fruit in other people’s lives. Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish that (John 15:1-11). Rely on Him every step of the way and submit to His leadership.

- **He prayed**
  Jesus prioritized prayer. Again, no one was busier than or was in higher demand for or in pursuit of as many “important” things as Jesus. Yet Jesus consistently stole away for times of focused prayer (Mark 1:35, Luke 4:42-43, 5:15-16, 6:12-13, 22:31-32) and modeled for us how to pray for those we mentor (John 17). For more help on how to pray for people, see Ripple Prayer in the Awaken the Dawn booklet.

- **He established a fairly consistent process**
  And Jesus seemed to follow a fairly well-worn pattern in terms of how he turned a ragtag group of relatively insignificant, average guys into a force that would upend the world as it was known at that time. That pattern looked something like this:

  ![Diagram](https://i.imgur.com/3Q5Q5Q.png)

  The rest of this booklet will break down this process in more details.
One of those two disciples was Andrew who quickly went and found his brother Simon, whom Jesus renamed Peter. Before calling His disciples to follow Him with their lives, He extended an invitation to them to simply see where He was staying.

Jesus was testing for how **HOT** they were, and this is what we should look for when considering who to invest our time in. (Rev 3:15-16)

**Hungry** – These disciples were at a revival! Jesus found them following around John the Baptist, hungry for the things of God.

**Obedient** – They accepted Jesus’ invitation to see where He was staying.

**Teachable** – They were already identified as disciples, just not yet disciples of Jesus. Disciple means learner. They were humble enough to recognize they didn’t have everything figured out and needed help.

**Practical Thoughts**
As you seek to make disciples of Jesus, here are some practical considerations for the first stages of disciple-making:

- **Ask the Holy Spirit** to open your eyes to see who it is you should invest your time in
- Pray for and take the opportunities to **share your faith** and invite people to see Jesus
- **Look for hunger** in someone around you – maybe someone who visits Lifegroup or a Sunday service, or perhaps someone who consistently asks you questions about your faith or elements of it
- And **look for obedience, humility, and teachability**. They probably aren’t being taught by Jesus yet, but they recognize they have a need for growth and a willingness to change and learn
Peter and Andrew had already met and spent time with Jesus down by the Jordan River on the day Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter. Evidently they had seen enough up to this point to convince them that He was worth following with their lives. Andrew and Peter didn’t follow Him perfectly and would leave Him on a couple of occasions, but they saw His glory to enough of a degree to merit a change in their life’s direction.

Jesus, very simply, called them to a lifestyle of following Him. Remember, we are making disciples of Jesus – not ourselves. Discipleship is about helping people discover the worth and glory of Jesus, which often results in a love response, and then helping people understand what it means to truly follow Him in obedience since He is not physically on the earth at this moment.

Practical Thoughts

- Once you have found someone who is HOT, initiate time with them. Get to know their story. Probe to see what they want in life. Chances are they’ve never had anyone pursue them with a genuine desire to serve them and not to get something from them. Become their biggest fan!

- As you get to know them and share life with them, ask if following Jesus is their desire.

- If so, offer to walk with them in that journey. If you think of this process of making disciples of yourself, then it seems prideful to offer this. But when you understand that all we’re doing is pointing people to Jesus, then we find that any disciple of Jesus can make disciples and it’s not prideful, but loving.

- When you initiate with someone into a discipleship relationship, make the goal clear: to love and obey Jesus.

- Know that the nature of the discipleship relationship will vary based on age, stage of life, etc. For example, a sophomore mentoring a freshman will probably look different than a woman in her late 50s with kids out of the house mentoring a young mother. Both require humility, but the college scenario demands a greater degree of humility as the two parties are much closer in age.
Learn From Me

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. – Matt 11:28-30

The invitation of Jesus to His disciples was to learn from Him and to bear His yoke. At that time, farming metaphors would have been more easily understood by His predominantly agrarian following. A yoke is a device that harnesses two animals together. This device, often a piece of wood, ensures the animals work at the same pace.

Jesus invites us to learn from Him and to go His pace.

Practical Thoughts

❖ **Study the Word of God together.** What is the Kingdom of God? Who is God? What is required of man? etc. (discipleship lessons available on our website under Resources). And teach them to obey what Jesus commanded (see the Commands of Jesus at the end of this booklet).

❖ As you begin to meet together, **model your life in God.** Modeling is the most effective way to transfer the essence of what it means to be a Christian. Show them how to worship, pray, confess sin, ask forgiveness, serve, share the Gospel, etc.

❖ Walk in **vulnerability** and **accountability.** Create space for the confession of sin and a transparent lifestyle.

❖ **Lead them to obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit.** Jesus is their hope, not you! Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. But teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime. Don’t just give them the answers, but teach them how to seek out the answers for themselves from the Word and the leadership of the Spirit.

❖ **Plug them into the body of Christ.** Consider meeting in discipleship groups as this can help prevent co-dependency from developing. Connect them to a Lifegroup and to the larger body of Christ through Sunday gatherings and other opportunities for fellowship.

❖ **The amount of time spent together each week will vary** depend on the nature of the relationship, stage of life, and responsibilities. Jesus lived with His disciples for roughly 3 years. This is not always possible, and there is no formula for how much time to spend mentoring someone each week. Bottom line, discipleship is a life-on-life process and cannot be replaced with a formula or program.

❖ And we need to encourage those we are discipling that **they need to go Jesus’ pace.** Not your pace. Not the pace of the pastor or anyone else for that matter. Affirm their uniqueness in God and make Jesus the goal, not Lifegroup leadership or any other lesser goal that produces striving, comparison, and performance.
Go and Report Back

*And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.*  
*And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.*  
*And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece.*  
*Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city.*  
*And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”*  
*Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere…*  
*When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done.*  
— Luke 9:1-6, 10a

After a period of investment, modeling, and instruction, Jesus sends His disciples out to put into practice what they have learned. Upon returning, they reported to Jesus all that had happened on their short journey.

**Practical Thoughts**

- **When you meet together,** *read a passage of scripture and then set a goal* related to obedience to Jesus in some practical way over the upcoming week. The next time you get together, debrief how it went.

- **Discover how they are gifted and create opportunities for them to exercise their gifting.** For example, if they are gifted prophetically, then invite them to seek the Lord with you on important decisions in your life. If they have a mercy gift, get them in touch with someone who is in the hospital, etc.

- **Encourage them to seek out other believers for growth in an area.** Unlike Jesus, you are limited in what you can model for them. Point them to others from whom they can learn and glean from. The goal is that they excel you in terms of spiritual development, so don’t get insecure when they begin to do just that! Remember, we are becoming disciples of Jesus, not each other, and part of being a disciple of Jesus is running the pace that He sets for us.

- **Celebrate their growth!** In Luke 10:21 Jesus “rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit” upon hearing of the fruitfulness of His disciple’s lives. He worshiped God for what was happening in His disciples. Let those you are discipling see your joy in their growth.

- If someone eventually gets to a place where they simply don’t want to obey Jesus anymore, that doesn’t necessarily need to affect your friendship, but it will disrupt the discipleship process. Jesus lays out a process for us to follow when someone is practicing sin in consistent rebellion to God in **Matt 18:15-20** (not talking about someone who is genuinely repentant and striving to honor Jesus but is in the process of sanctification).
Go, Disciple Nations

And Jesus came up 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 the Son and the Holy Spirit, \(20\) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matt 28:18-20

Eventually every good parent releases their child to fulfill the calling of God on their life. Ps 127 describes children as arrows in the hand of a warrior. This is not just true of natural children, but spiritual children as well. Discipleship/parenting is like the process of sharpening an arrow and giving it direction. But there’s one last, critical component of parenting and discipleship that activates the power of that arrow – releasing it!

From the beginning of a discipleship relationship, we want to plan and scheme how to empower them to multiply through discipleship. 2 Tim 2:2 says “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” Here Paul is instructing Timothy to reproduce the life and teachings of Jesus to the fourth generation.

Practical Thoughts

- **From day 1, ask them who they are investing their time in.** Doesn’t matter if they’ve only been following Jesus for one day, they can adopt someone in prayer and begin to get time with their unbelieving friends to share Christ with them. After all, Jesus discipled the disciples before they were believers.

- **Consider setting reevaluation points throughout your discipleship relationship.** Every 6 months or so, discuss what is needful in the upcoming season in terms of how much time is spent together, what is being studied, goals, etc. Your relationship will change over time. Probably less time spent together, and more time coaching from a distance.

- **Help them discover God’s calling for their life.** Don’t make the mistake of trying to steer them into the plans that you have for them, but the plans that God has for them. Don’t be afraid to make suggestions, but ensure them that they are free to choose their own path. We never command anything that Jesus didn’t!

- **Expose them to what God is doing in the nations** by going on a short term trip to another country. This is both part of fulfilling the Great Commission and a fantastic opportunity for learning and growth on the field.

- **Have fun and give yourself grace.** Making disciples is a skill that is learned over time. Don’t wait until you feel ready. If we did, no one would ever have children or make disciples! Be a disciple yourself – a continual, humble learner and be the first to repent to the ones you are discipling when you don’t reflect the character of Jesus.
The Commands of Jesus

If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. – John 14:15

He who has My commandments and keeps them is one who loves Me. – John 14:21

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love...You are My friends if you do what I command – John 15:10, 14

Love God
Matt 22:37-38 ...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and foremost commandment. (Mark 12:30)

- By believing and repenting (meaning to turn and follow Jesus)
  - Matt 4:17 ...Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Mark 1:15)
  - Matt 4:19 ...Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17)
  - Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Luke 12:31)
  - Matt 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate... (Luke 13:24)
  - Matt 8:22 ...Follow me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.
  - Matt 11:28-29 Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
  - Matt 16:24 ...If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. (Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27)
  - Matt 23:8-10 But do not be called rabbi...Do not call anyone on earth your father...Do not be called leaders; for One is your leader, that is, Christ.
  - Mark 2:14 ...Follow Me!... (Luke 5:27; John 1:44; 21:19, 22)
  - John 6:27, 29 Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. (Luke 10:2)
  - John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
  - John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

- By remaining in Him
  - John 15:9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

- By communicating with Him through prayer
  - Matt 6:6-9 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret... Pray, then, in this way... (Luke 11:2)
  - Matt 25:35-40 In the kingdom of heaven, when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will say to those of you who are the wise and prudent, ‘Come, bless the One who made you wise; for you were as dull as anyone else, but because you were wise...’
  - John 16:24 Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

- By trusting Him and not fearing
  - Matt 6:25 ...do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink... (Luke 12:22-30)
  - Matt 6:34 So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself...
  - Matt 10:26 Therefore do not fear [those who malign you], for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.
  - Matt 10:31 So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.
  - Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.
  - John 14:27 ...Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

- By forsaking all other loves
  - Matt 6:19-20 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal...
  - Luke 12:15 ...Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed...
  - Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and...
brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

- Luke 14:33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

**By eagerly awaiting His return**

- Matt 5:12 Rejoice and be glad [when you are persecuted because of Me], for your reward in heaven is great...
- Matt 24:42 Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. (25:13; Mark 13:33, 35; Luke 12:40)
- Luke 10:20 ...rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.
- Luke 12:35-36 Be dressed in readiness and keep your lamps lit. Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.

**By pursuing holiness**

- Matt 5:29-30 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell. (18:8-9; Mark 9:43-48)
- Matt 5:34-37 But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or of Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.
- Matt 6:16-18 Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do...But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret.
- Matt 7:15 Beware of the false prophets...
- Matt 19:6 ...What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate. (Mark 10:9)
- Matt 23:3 ...therefore all that [the Pharisees] tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.
- Mark 12:38 ...Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes...
- Luke 11:35 Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.
- Luke 12:1 ...Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

**By being in awe of who He is**

- Matt 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Luke 12:4-5)

**By remembering Christ through communion**

- Matt 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And when He had taken the cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. (Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:17-19)

**Love People**

Matt 22:39 The second [greatest commandment] is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:31)

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (15:12)

**By humbling yourself**

- Matt 5:39-41 But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. (Luke 6:29)
- Matt 7:12 In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Luke 6:31)
- Matt 18:10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones...
- Matt 19:14 ...let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these. (Luke 18:16)
- Luke 14:8-14 When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him...But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place...For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted...When you
give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors...But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed...for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

- John 13:14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

- By remaining at peace
  - Matt 5:24-25 ...leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. Make friends quickly with your opponent at law... (Luke 12:58)
  - Matt 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... (Luke 6:27-28)
  - Matt 18:15-17 If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
  - Mark 11:25 Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.
  - Mark 10:37 ...Go and do the same [showing mercy to your neighbor].
  - Mark 17:3-4 Be on your guard! If your brothers sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.

- By not judging
  - Matt 7:1, 5 Do not judge so that you will not be judged...You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. (Luke 6:37, 42)
  - John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

- By giving generously
  - Matt 5:42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you. (Luke 6:30)
  - Matt 6:3 But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...
  - Luke 6:35-38 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... Give, and it will be given to you...
  - Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out...
  - Luke 16:9 ...Make friends for yourselves by the means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Change the World by Proclaiming the Gospel and Making Disciples

Matt 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Mark 16:15)

- Matt 5:16 Let your light shine before men is such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- Matt 7:6 Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.
- Matt 10:7-8 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. (Luke 10:9)
- Matt 10:11-14 And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city. As you enter the house, give it your greeting. If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace. Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. (Mark 6:10-11; Luke 9:4-5; 10:5-11)
- Matt 10:16-19, 23 Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say...But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next...
- Matt 10:27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.
- Luke 10:7-8 Stay in that house [of the man of peace], eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you...