

## Christian Discipleship and Disciple Making

1. Discipleship is the expression of Jesus in one's life and is based on relationship with him. It is not about information (Bible knowledge) but transformation (life change- becoming like Jesus.) Only the Holy Spirit can do that. Disciple making is one life being nurtured by another for the purpose of helping one to mature spiritually and it stems from relationship.
2. Discipleship is learning to practice God's presence (be constantly aware of him and act accordingly). It is learning to discern his prompting in our lives. Disciple making is facilitated when we learn to listen to those we are investing in and help them to learn to pay attention to God.
3. Discipleship is a lifelong journey into his fullness. As long as we physically live, we are growing up into him. Disciple making is most often seasonal i.e. you intentionally invest in another for a limited period of time.
4. Discipleship is deepened and becomes mature because we practice spiritual disciplines (habits) that help us think like Jesus thought. Disciple making involves not only imparting knowledge and experience, but modeling and teaching spiritual disciplines.
5. Discipleship is a holistic (wholistic) venture. There is to be no part of your life that is not to be under the lordship of Christ. You keep no secrets from him. Disciple making is more effective when we are transparent to the person we are investing in.
6. Discipleship is expressed by biblical obedience. Disciple making encourages, equips, and empowers the one we are with to experience doing.
7. Discipleship is deepened by intimate prayer. Disciple making involves interceding for those we are investing in and showing them how to pray.
8. Discipleship is from the inside-out. Jesus is concerned about our character because he knows right living (obedience to him) is the result of his character in us. Disciple making addresses how one thinks as well as how one acts.
9. Discipleship is essentially Christ living in you. The more he is manifested, the more mature spiritually we are becoming. Disciple making always points others to Jesus. It is all about HIM!
10. Discipleship is enhanced when one continues to be involved in a discipling process; He is still learning and growing himself. Disciple making provides a life model. Life attracts life!