



# **What the World Needs Now**



# The Case for Discipleship

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- I have been missing, misunderstanding something that has suddenly become clear
- **19** [e]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 [f]always, even to the end of the age.”



# Break It Down

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- MAKE DISCIPLES – not members, not just converts, not “get them to pray a prayer of salvation so they can go to Heaven”
- A Disciple is Someone who becomes like his master; people who carry/reflect and communicate the life of Jesus, so that when others are around them, they can TELL THEY HAVE BEEN WITH JESUS!
- So clear now that this is where the church has utterly failed



# Process is Even Spelled Out

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- Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit – so they can experience full unity and intimacy with all aspects of God (John 17)
- But here is the MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMISSION, THAT DEFINES AND ACTIVATES EVERYTHING ELSE:
- Teaching them to obey ALL I HAVE COMMANDED YOU



# This is the Great Commandment

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**34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all men will know that you are **My disciples**, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:34



# Refocus Our Identity

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A disciple is someone who keeps this commandment – to love like Jesus loves, and live like Jesus lived, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and fruit of the Holy Spirit, starting with the the love of Jesus – main fruit – this is our design, our ministry, our destiny



So, \$64 Trillion Question Is

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How are disciples made?  
How does one become a  
disciple instead of just  
remaining a convert or a  
church member?



# Tale of Two Loves (Faiths?)

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- Self-interested Love – focused on the blessings and benefits which are MINE as the result of being saved (going to Heaven, answered prayers, gifts, provision, protection, etc.)
- You might also call this “transactional faith”
- If I do something for God – accept Him as my Savior – He will do stuff for me
- Primary motivation is blessings and results





# But There is Another ...

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- Disinterested Love – where someone has become so in love with and in awe of God, that they don't even think of their own salvation anymore.
- Rather, they are completely preoccupied with the beauty of God and His nature, desires, ways and purposes.
- Not transactional, but transformational – I am truly changed in my inner desires because in knowing Him I think less and less about me
- Motivation is Worship, the result is freedom



# How ? The 4 H Journey

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- Helplessness – come to the end of yourself and realize that you are in over your head and you will never be enough
- Hopelessness – despair sets in as you understand that all is lost and you are broken and you don't have a clue what is coming except it is not getting better, maybe worse
- Homesickness – yearning to be somewhere safe where you can find peace and rest in Him
- Healing – in that moment God's grace wraps around you like a blanket and you are home



# Home Where You Belong

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- Healing becomes your permanent Home
- Sometimes called Sanctification, but it is not you learning how to do better, it is you letting God put you back together, time
- Finally safe enough to embrace the reality that you are completely and abjectly insufficient to be anything but weak
- Ready to surrender yourself to His all-consuming, never-ending sufficiency, where living in His love and grace releases wave after wave of hope, help and healing



# NOW, His Life Can Flow

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- Into you, changing you
- And out of you, touching the world
- And right now the world is desperate for touch from God
- How many of you think the present state of the world can be altered without Divine intervention?
- We need an ARMY of true Disciples of Jesus
- Here is step one – get over yourself





## Matthew 7: 1-5

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“Do not **judge** so that you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and [a]by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how [b]can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> 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.



# The World is Drowning

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- Drowning in judgementalism
- Gk word here means to distinguish in order to try, condemn and punish
- We are drowning in it and it is getting really ugly – you know what I mean
- Dems are judging Rs, conservatives are judging liberals, millennials are judging everybody, the blogosphere is steeped in self-righteous opinions that trigger self-righteous responses
- Blame and condemnation is rampant



# Judgement-free Zone?

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- The Body of Christ is supposed to be the one place where the conversation begins and ends with the Great Commandment
- Doesn't mean you can't have opinions, but first you have to examine yourself with the lens of the Holy Spirit, and don't speak until your own LOGS have been extracted
- Because we all have logs, and the fact that we don't get it just proves the point





# Disciples MIA

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- There should be one place where judgement is obliterated by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
- The disciples of Jesus should be reflecting the love and character of Jesus, but instead, we are getting reruns of Luke 9:55
- “ You do not know what kind of spirit you are of.” For sure NOT the Holy Spirit!
- Because .... LOGS!!!!!!



# Genius Way to De-Log

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Jeremiah chapter 29 pray for and work for the blessing of the city where I have placed you, even though this city is a prison full of people who despise you and disagree with you and worship things that you hate yet, God had a purpose in all of this, they had to trust him and trust his plan without understanding a bit of it. They had to put their trust and confidence absolutely and him and believed that he would be faithful in spite of the horrific catastrophe it seems to be to them.



# First Step

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At the end of the day, you either trust Jesus and follow his instructions, or you end up in pride and sin. And let's not forget farther on in this passage God says basically I know this seems weird and strange but I promise you I have a future and a hope for you but you won't find it until **you seek ME with your whole heart**. What is dividing your heart right now?



# Disciple Baby Steps

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- What is dividing your heart right now? What are you striving for or afraid of desiring so much that it is taking up space in your heart that should be focused on just trusting Jesus?
- Does it have to do with logs in your eye? What are you focused on to such an extent that it is stopping you from seeing with the eyes of Jesus and loving with His Heart?
- The world needs disciples to baby step up right now. It is the first step to healing it all.



# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY