



Hunka Hunka
Burning Love





The Case for Discipleship

- What does this song have to do with the Great Commission?
- **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

- 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!
- Historically, the church has not done a good job with this most important assignment



Process is Even Spelled Out

- 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

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

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 - **this is our design, our ministry, our destiny**



So, \$64 Trillion Question Is

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



The 4 H Journey

- 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





Judgement-free Zone?

- 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

Are We Loving a Broken World?



CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG



The Local Church (US) Is

- Uniquely called – Matthew 25:40, James 1:27
- Uniquely anointed – Isaiah 61
- Uniquely Commanded – Luke 10:27
- Uniquely Equipped – Ephesians 3:20
- This Caring mission will not only deliver our neighbors from generational cycle of suffering, it will provide the most powerful means of introducing them to Jesus



Freedom to Love

- **GAL 5** [a] It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. [*and what does this mean?*]
- **13** For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."



The Power of Blessing

Romans 14 **Bless those who persecute [m]you; bless and do not curse.** ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but [n]associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ **Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.** [o]Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ **If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**



Release Burning Love!

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but **[p]**leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. **20** "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Be Prepared

- In an increasingly polarized society, you are going to encounter higher levels of condemnation and rage from people who mistrust your motives or your faith
- Our willingness to love will be tested
- Plus, any lingering broken relationships could easily get worse, like David and Shimei in 2 Samuel 16
- Leave it in God's hands, our mission is to become a hunka of burning love



Just to Be Clear

- A Disciple is someone who loves like Jesus loves, by surrendering to His love within you and letting His love flow through
- Your motivation is changed from one of defensive condemnation of those who make you uncomfortable, to proactive blessing of them that releases His love over them
- You are literally called to become a Hunka Hunka burning, transforming, redemptive love!!!



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- 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