

Tools for Disciple Making – The Word of God

Romans 1:13-17

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“ We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world.”

1. Disciple making depends on the **power of the gospel**. (verse 16)
 - a. The power of God does not rest in the **messenger** but in the **message**.
 - b. As God's Word makes **progress** God's kingdom makes **advances**.
 - i. Ac 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. Ac 6:1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying,
 - ii. Ac 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.
 - iii. Ac 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.
 - iv. Ac 19:20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.
 - v. 2 Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,
2. Disciple making depends on **proclaiming the gospel**.
 - a. 1 Co 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 - b. 1 Co 1:21 ... it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
 - c. Is 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
3. Making disciples depends on **people that patiently** share the gospel. Acts 8:26-40
 - a. Be **submissive** to God's call – verse 26
 - b. Be **sensitive** to a person's situation – verses 27-28
 - c. Be **spirit led** in your approach – verses 29-30
 - d. Be **serious** about people's questions – verses 31-34
 - e. Be **scriptural** in pointing them to Jesus – verse 35
 - f. Be **sure to seek** for a response – verse 36-39
 - i. Faith – verse 36
 - ii. Confession – verses 37-38
 - iii. Rejoicing – verse 39

Note how faith came to the Ethiopian. Philip simply **read with him**.

Ro 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”