

- Universal call to be a witness for Christ**
Mark 16:16
15 And He said to them, " Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
Acts 5:42
42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.
Acts 20:20, 21
20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- What is witnessing: Sowing vs Light**
Mark 4:14
14 "The sower sows the word.
1 Peter 1:23
23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
Vs
Matthew 5:16
16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
Vs
Galatians 2:19-20
20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me
- Witnessing: The only universal manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit in all believers.**
Acts 1:8
8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
Romans 1:16
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- The Holy Spirit Convicts**
John 16:8-11
8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- The Holy Spirit and Jesus**

John 16:14

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

- **The Holy Spirit says “come to Jesus”**

Revelation 22:17

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let the one who hears say, "Come."

And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

- **Spirit filled: Witness**
- **Walking in the Spirit: Witness**
- **Led by the Spirit: Witness**
- **The power of the Spirit: Witness**

- **Witnessing: Spending Time with God**

- **God the Father**

John 6:44

44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

- **God the Son**

Revelation 3:20

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

- **God the Holy Spirit**

Revelation 22:17

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- **Universal call to the disciplemaking ministry**

Introduction:

- **Why are people afraid to say the word Disciple and Disciplemaker?**
- **Why is the word “mentor” used which is a secular term?**
- **Mentor is a passive relationship – it occurs in the pagan writings of Homer – the Greek Goddess of Athena was the first use of the word as was the character Mentor in Homer’s pagan writings. It appears again in French secular literature in the 17th Century. Here it is adapted from pagan Greek writings to mean “someone who imparts wisdom to and shares knowledge with a less-experienced colleague”**
- **Disciplemaking by contrast is a proactive relationship which entails more than just wisdom, but also training, discipline and accountability.**
- **The same Greek word is found in these three passages...**

Luke 6:40 NKJ

40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 14:26-27 NASU

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. 27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

- Do not be afraid or be intimidated about using Scriptural words.

Disciple

Make Disciples

- Christ commanded that we make disciples

Matthew 28:19-20

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."

- In keeping with the command of Jesus in the Great Commission making disciples was inseparable from the written Word of God

Acts 6:7

7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. (Romans 1:5; 16:26)

- The early church earnestly sought to obey this command, passing on the exhortation of Jesus in *John 15:18-20*

Acts 14:21-22

21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples , they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples , encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, " Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

- *Discipleship*
- *Word of God*
- *Obedience of Faith*
- *Tribulations*
- Increasing Disciples is a worthy objective

Acts 6:1

Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.

- Christians were initially called Disciples

Acts 11:26

26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

- Disciples should be encouraged and strengthened

Acts 18:23

And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples

- “Anti-discipleship” leaders will arise

Acts 20:30-32

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. 32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.