

# The Making of Disciples

## Lesson 7f

Witnessing to Others

### On Being and Making Disciples

- Luke 9:23; 14:26-27
- Disciples' Hand

### Witnessing to Others

- The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20
- Christ's last words to His Disciple: Acts 1:8



### To Make Disciples One MUST Be A Disciple

#### Lesson 7a - What Did the Master Teach?

#### Lesson 7b - Am I a Disciple? (See Handout)

#### Lesson 7c - Cost of Discipleship

#### Lesson 7d - Christians Are Here for God's Purpose - to Be Salt & Light

#### Lesson 7e - They will know us by our fruit; we must be filled with the Holy Spirit

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He who says he abides in Him **ought** himself also to walk **just as** He walked.  
(1 John 2:6)

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For I have given you an **example**, that you should do as I have done to you.  
(John 13:15)

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For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an **example**, that you should follow His steps:  
(1 Peter 2:21)

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“Imitate me, **just as** I also imitate Christ.”  
(1 Corinthians 11:1)

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And you became followers of us and of the Lord, have received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

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### The Danger of Making the Wrong Kind of Disciples

- (John 8:18-41) *Disciples of Moses* - “I’m a disciple because I was born into it.”
  - (Matthew 22:15-16; 15:1-9) *Disciples of Pharisees and Scribes* - tradition over truth. They know the Scriptures but do not live them.
    - (Matthew 23:1-39; 5:20) - An outward appearance but inward corruption. (1 Samuel 16:7)
    - (Matthew 22:15-18) - Christ called them hypocrites.
    - (Matthew 23:15) - Active in missions and, yet, leading others on a very wrong path.
  - (John 1:35) *Disciples of John the Baptist* - disciples of a movement.
    - John taught, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
  - (John 6:60-66) *Disciples that Walk Away* - when the truth becomes something you don’t want it to be. When you do not want to be doers of the entire Word of God. They want God to conform to their way of thinking.
- ★ We are called upon to make disciples of Christ - NO OTHER MASTER!

# How Did Christ Make Disciples?

★★★ Christ demonstrated that people reach people. ★★★  
(Matthew 9:37-38)

## See Me (John 1:35-51)

- Time period: 4-5 months
- (vv. 38-39) “Come and see”
- (v. 43) “Follow Me”
- During this time the disciples witnessed:
  - Jesus at a wedding ceremony. (John 2)
  - Jesus’ zeal for His Father’s house. (John 2)
  - Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus. (John 3)
  - Jesus’s encounter with the Samaritan woman. (John 4)
- ★ Do we walk as Christ walked? (1 John 2:6)
- ★ Do we follow Christ’s example? (John 13:15; 1 Peter 2:21)
- ★ Can we say, “Imitate me just as I imitate Christ.” (1 Cor 11:1; 4:16; Philippians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:9)

## Follow Me (Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:16-18)

- Time period: 10-11 months
- Christ stayed with His disciples.
- “Follow Me” – ME – not traditions, programs, pastors, bloggers, etc.
  - He was their Master and He expected them to be loyal and obedient. (Luke 6:46; Matthew 12:50; 7:21; Luke 11:28; John 10:27-29)
- “I will make you become fishers of men.”
  - ★ Christ promised to equip His disciples.
  - ★ Christ gave of himself to train disciples.

## Abide with Me (Mark 3:13-19)

- Time period: 20 months.
- Notice what Christ did before He chose His twelve disciples! - HE PRAYED!
- Christ sent them out to preach. (Matthew 10:1-42; Luke 10:1-20)
- One thing the disciples learned was **compassion** for people. (Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mark 6:34; 8:2; Luke 7:13; 10:33)
- ★ Do we have **compassion** for the lost? Does compassion **move** us?

- ★ Are we praying for God to open doors; to lead us to individuals; to give us opportunities?
- ★ The disciple’s call:
  - ❶ Relationship with the Master. (v. 13)
  - ❷ Mission - preach. (vv. 14-15)

## Abide in Me (John 15:5, 7)

- Time period: A few hours during Christ’s last Passover meal.
- Christ would complete His earthly mission soon.
- BUT the disciples would continue His mission in His absence.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
  - Matthew 28:18-20
  - Luke 24:44-49
  - Acts 1:8
  - Acts 13:4-47 with Isaiah 42:6.
- **BE ME TO THE WORLD. DO AND BE WHAT I TAUGHT YOU!**
- ★ Is Christ abiding in us? See John 14:21, 23-24

## I Am with You Always (Matthew 28:20)

- Acts 18:9-10; 2 Timothy 4:17

**IT IS OUR TURN NOW!**

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