

Growth Track

Module 4: How Do I Make A Difference

Student's Notes

Lesson Four - Making A Disciple (Part I)

Key Takeaway

We are all called to make disciples.

Introduction

1. Jesus commissions believers to make disciples of all nations.
2. We have an incredible privilege of partnering with God to make disciples.
3. As we make disciples, we get to see their lives transformed by the power of the Gospel. We, in turn, are blessed as well!

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

I. WE ARE CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES

To be a disciple is to be a follower of someone, to model one's life and behaviour after another.

Jesus calls us to disciple, just as He Himself did.

1. Jesus did not just teach us to make disciples, He modelled it.
2. He invested much of His time and energy into training His disciples to reflect His nature and do His work.
3. When He left the earth, these disciples, in turn, disciplined others.

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II. THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN DISCIPLING ARE BLESSED

Spiritual growth

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Increase in fruitfulness

Joy and fulfilment

After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Yes, you are our pride and joy. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

III. DISCIPLING REQUIRES INTENTIONAL PREPARATION

Be disciplined yourself.

Make time and room in your life for others.

Jesus took time and put in effort to pray for His disciples and to train them in character, ministry and in discipling others. Take time to review the Next Step notes (vfc.org/nextstep) so you are ready to disciple someone!

My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory... Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. John 17:9-11

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Continue to grow and learn.

1. Grow in the Word.

We must know the Word in order to be able to guide our disciples in obeying God's Word.

2. Grow in being led by the Spirit.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. John 16:13

3. Grow in taking steps of faith.

And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away. Hebrews 10:38

4. Grow in serving others (John 13:4-14).

Conclusion

1. Serving and discipling others is often demanding. However, the rewards of discipling others are much greater than the cost.
2. All believers should invest their lives in discipling others and making disciples who will, in turn, make disciples.