

Make Disciples The JESUS Way - In Any Culture

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Jesus trained the 12 in the context of these four groups of people:

1) **The Multitudes**. About one quarter of his time was spent preaching and teaching to crowds.

2) **Religious leaders**. One quarter of his time was spent in question and answer format with religious leaders.

3) **The Interrupters**. One quarter of his time was spent responding to special requests for the urgent, needy people (healings, miracles, casting demons out).

4) **The Disciples - alone with them**. One quarter of his time was spent explaining his teachings, the Scriptures, and the message of the Kingdom to his disciples, often in a secluded place.

Jesus combined Evangelism and Disciplemaking as two inter-dependant actions both needing each other for their own success.

Dallas Willard said - Non-discipleship is the elephant in the church; it is not the many moral failures, financial abuses, or amazing general similarity between Christians and non-Christians. These are only the effects of the underlying problem.

Four Books on Jesus' model of disciple making:

A B Bruce, *The Training of the Twelve*.

Carl Wilson, *With Christ in the school of Disciple Building: The Ministry Methods of Jesus*.

Bill Hull, *Jesus Christ, Disciple Maker*.

Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*.

(New book) Dan Spader, *Four Chair Discipleship*

Summary of the original discipleship model of Jesus

Jesus chose a certain number of people to follow Him as he followed the Father, into a personal relationship that involved

commitment, time, and surrender, reaching out to non believers, and primarily using that context to train his disciples in beliefs and practice.

Some key ingredients to make disciples who make disciples

1) **CHOOSE YOUR DISCIPLES** – Call them out. We need to intentionally choose people, to establish accountability and commitment and purpose in order to accomplish the task of making disciples – not just hope discipleship happens because we are doing spiritual activities. Jesus chose – we choose.

2) **ESTABLISH AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER**

Jesus invited people to follow Him as he followed His Father. So we need to be an example worth emulating Lk 6.40.

3) **BE-FRIEND THE LOST**

Just as Jesus spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of his time with his disciples **IN THE CONTEXT OF NON BELIEVERS**, we to will need to take our disciples into diverse settings, allowing them to see how to be a reproducing disciple that reaches the lost. This will require much time, vulnerability, surrender of rights, risk taking obedience, and trust to a whole new level for both the discipler and disciple.

CONCLUSION

When we take our disciples out into the world on mission, to reach the lost and to train them as Jesus did, we are putting ourselves onto the mercy of God, we are relinquishing control, the enemy will have a clear view of us to attack, like sheep among wolves - it is dangerous; like why would anyone want to expose ourselves to this? But it is the way of Jesus to make disciples and it is exhilarating when we see God do miracle after miracle to reach the lost and train his sheep.