

DISCUSSION IDEAS

DISCIPLING

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This week the elders presented a plan for getting us all involved in making disciples.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: WHAT WAS JESUS' COMMAND REGARDING MAKING DISCIPLES?**

Look at Matt. 28:16-20.

In verse 18, what is the basis of Jesus' command?

Based on that fact, what do verses 19-20 instruct us to do? Note that there are four commands and expectations listed.

In verse 20, what encouragement did Jesus leave with us?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT A DISCIPLE IS OR IS NOT.**

What is the requirement to be saved? Look at John 3:14-16, Eph. 2:8-9, John 7:38-39 and John 5:24.

Are all believers disciples? Answer this from Mark 8:34, Matt. 10:37-38 and Luke 14:25-33.

What is the difference between believing in Jesus' work to save us and becoming an obedient follower of Jesus?

In John 8:31-32, Jesus is talking to Jews who had believed in Him. What additional instruction does He give them?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING STARTED IN MAKING DISCIPLES?**

From a presentation by Al and Lynn Jaggi a few years ago:

Discipling is complete involvement with the life of someone else.

It is about a relationship, not just a project.

Al: It is taking personal interest in and responsibility for some one else's spiritual growth and development (including their salvation), and then equipping them to do the same.

Lynn: It is taking a special interest in the other's spiritual walk – "I'm there for you".

So, how do I go about identifying someone to disciple?

How do you pick your own friends?

How do you go about developing a genuine friendship?

What are some questions you can ask yourself about another person?

What about their devotion to the Lord?

What about their personal walk with God?

What about their care about others?

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Think of other questions.

What is my attitude about discipling the other person?

Who am I focused on ME? or THE OTHER person?

Am I working from a basis of caring? or from duty?

Where do I start with someone who is willing to be disciplined?

Consider their background and existing understanding, or misunderstandings, of God's Word.

Who can you call at Grace Church to help you set up your plan?

Have you yourself taken the time and effort to evaluate any of the courses of study available?

♦ **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

If Jesus really did give us believers a command in Matthew 28, how am I going to go about obeying it?