

Two Types of Disciple Makers

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The men on Barangonan are all fishermen. That is who they are, and that is what they do. You will not find one man on Barangonan who does not know how to make a living by fishing.

Although all the men are fishermen, they are not all the same type. A man on Barangonan will either fish for 'Pusit' at night, or fish 'Buhay-Buhay' during the day. Every man on Barangonan is at least one of these two types of fishermen.

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Throughout scripture, we see that all born again believers in Jesus are disciple-makers. Like the fishermen on Barangonan, there are two types of disciple-makers that we observe throughout the New Testament.

The '**as you go about your business**' disciple-makers
and
The '**disciple-making is my business**' disciple-makers.

Matthew 28:16–20 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The 'as you go about your business' Disciple-Maker is exemplified by the early church.

Acts 8:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

Acts 11:19–26 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

The ‘my business is to make disciples’ disciple-maker is exemplified by the Apostle Paul.

The Apostle Paul, Barnabas, and Apollos are examples of this type of disciple-maker. Paul and his companions went specifically throughout the known world for the reason of sharing the Gospel and teaching those who believed to observe the things that Jesus taught.

How did Paul and his companions choose where to go?

Guided by the Holy Spirit, and the desire to preach Jesus where he had not been proclaimed, Paul and his companions focused their efforts on the unreached areas of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Class - Interested in becoming a member at GCC? Come this morning to an introductory class at 10 AM in Room 2.

Women’s Christmas Gala, December 11th & 12th - Purchase tickets starting today at the women’s kiosk on the patio.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes are here! Pack your own, or have someone pack it for you between services. Find Charmaine Bush on the patio between services until November 22.

Women’s Bible Study - Beginning November 8th at 9:45 in Room 2. Contact Debbie Garner with any questions.