

Cycle in Discipleship Making

Essential in a Growing Church Plant

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Why Evangelism?

- **1 Timothy 2:3-4** ³For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- **Luke 19:10** ¹⁰ "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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Why Evangelism?

"The Desire of Ages", 142.

"God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but **in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work.** In order to enter into His joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice, **we must participate** in His labors for their redemption."

Review and Herald, February 2, 1897 par. 14

- "The Master has employed us as his servants, and we are to be vigilant workers until he shall return the second time to this earth. We are to wait for the coming of the Lord, and work diligently to prepare the way for him. Waiting alone is not all that is required; we are to wait and watch and pray and work. This combination of waiting, watching, praying, and working constitutes us true Christians. To those who stand in idle expectancy, Christ says, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" "Work while it is called today." "The night cometh, when no man can work."

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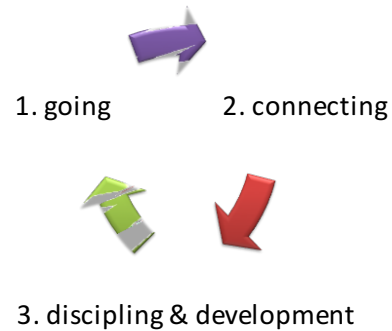
- **What is a Biblical view of Evangelism?**

A Biblical View of Evangelism - Discipleship

- **Matthew 4:18-22** ¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**" ²⁰ **They immediately left their nets and followed Him.** ²¹ Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. **He called them,** ²² **and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.**

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Mat 4:18-22



Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20

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Biblical principle of discipleship:

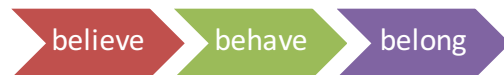
- **Follow me** – to teach them how to do what I am doing
 - We are inviting them in for a reason:
 - Why.....

The only reason why should we call people in the movement is to learn how to go out.

- "Jesus commanded us to make disciples not just converts"

Converts model

- Believe - behave - belong



Discipleship model

- belonging - believe - behave



How to shift the paradigm?

Christ's Method Video

- Copyrighted material. Not Available online. Depicts an imaginary scenario where a Christian makes a choice to be kind to a man in the parking lot in need of help. It leads to fellowship, baptism and life-long friendship and contrasts it with the choice to simply drive away and miss out on the chance of impacting a life for eternity. One act of kindness. One life for the kingdom.

Discipleship model

- belonging - believe - behave
- Disciples cannot be a massive produced.
- "We cannot drop people into a program and see disciples emerge at the end of a production line. It takes time do make disciples. It takes individual personal attention".
"The lost art of Disciple making" - Leroy

Ditrich Bonhoeffer

- "Making Disciples is more than a transfer of biblical knowledge; it is a commitment to spiritual parenting. It is unselfish commitment."

First Christian church principle

2 Timothy 2:2 ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

John Wesley

- “Give me 100 men who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing by God, and I care not whether they be clergyman or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth.”

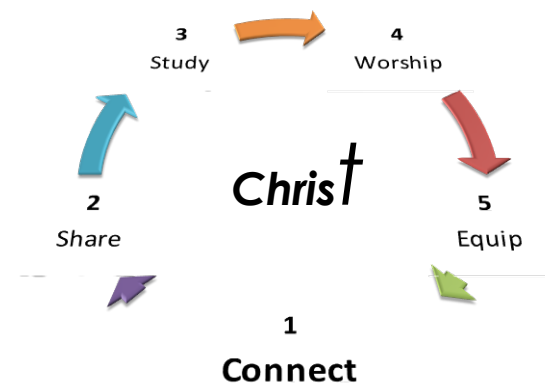
This Is Discipleship Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk8ERxqCZqQ>

Disciple Making

- “Involvement in mission is not an option for a church that is loyal to Jesus. Failure to go forth and make disciples puts a church in direct disobedience to the risen Lord. There is no stronger command given in Scripture that this one. This is the only place Jesus tells us to go in His authority. ... Thus any church not involved in the mission of Jesus is virtually living in Sin.” (Waking the Dead, 23.)

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Essential in Growing Church Plant!

1. Biblical – Jesus, Paul
2. Fulfilling Great Commission
3. Intentional
4. Maintain Church Plant DNA
5. Every member involved in mission
6. Loving Relationships
7. Healthy/Growing Congregation

Opposition to discipleship

- Jesus knew his disciples, he understood the influence of sin and sinful nature and He prayed for unity. The sin produces selfishness, self-interest, individual independence. The church becomes self centered, that individual independence alienates church from its main purpose and task which is **Making Disciples.**

▪ **The Acts of the Apostles pp 163/4**

Opposition to discipleship

- “Many churches get involved in good projects, and people feel good about doing them, but if those projects are not helping the church fulfill Christ’s commission, then they are only camouflaging disobedience to Christ. Many of these projects can be good in themselves and even be part of helping a church fulfill the Great Commission, but if they become an end in themselves, then they become a hindrance to fulfilling the mission of Christ.”
(Waking the Dead, 23.)

Opposition to discipleship

- “Nothing must be allowed to divert the church from the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus. Don’t be fooled by Satan’s subtle attempts to get the church focused on something other than its mission. Involvement in mission is the best avenue to the renewal of existing churches. ...There can be no renewal of the church without a corresponding involvement in mission.”

Ellen G. White, Testimonies vol. 7. p. 18.

Opposition to discipleship

- “There have ever been in the church those who are constantly inclined toward individual independence. They seem unable to realize that independence of spirit is liable to lead the human agent to have too much confidence in himself and to trust in his own judgment rather than to respect the counsel and highly esteem the judgment of his brethren,”
 - [The Acts of the Apostles pp 163/4](#)

Opposition to discipleship

- “The reason why the Holy Spirit does not work among us . . . is the unbelief in God and the lack of confidence in one another. This was the work of the power of darkness to lead us to suspect our brethren and stand apart as criticizers.”
 - [EGW – Manuscript Released vol. 2 p. 26](#)

Opposition to discipleship

- “Self-absorption in all its forms kills empathy, let alone compassion. When we focus on ourselves, our world contracts as our problems and preoccupations loom large. But when we focus on others, our world expands. Our own problems drift to the periphery of the mind and so seem smaller, and we increase our capacity for connection - or compassionate action.”

“Social Intelligence: The New Science of Human Relationships”
Daniel Goleman

Opposition to discipleship

- Jesus prayed for His disciples to be dependable to one another. Disciples are called to exercise a deep interest in people. Nothing is so calculated to give one a deep interest in people as the habit of praying constantly for them.
 - [The Acts of the Apostles pp 163/4](#)

What was the Christ's method of evangelism?

- “The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”
(Ministry of Healing, 143)

WINNING THEIR CONFIDENCE Christ's method

1. He mingled with men as one who desired their good
2. He showed sympathy for them
3. He ministered to their needs
4. He won their confidence
5. Then, He gave them the invitation to follow Him

[Lay Bible Worker's Manual, 17.](#)

How can I and you have Christ's method of evangelism?

- “Everyone of us entertains more relations with things than with people, and even in dealings with people we behave toward them as if they were things, tools, means to be used for our own selfish ends. How rarely do we face a person as a person. We are all dominated by the desire to appropriate and to own. **Only a free person knows that the true meaning of existence is experienced in giving, in endowing, in meeting, a person face to face, in fulfilling other people's need.**”
(Abraham Joshua Heschel, “Man Is Not Alone” p.214)

Christ's Method

- He met them at their daily vocations, and manifested an interest in their secular affairs.
(D.A., p.151.)

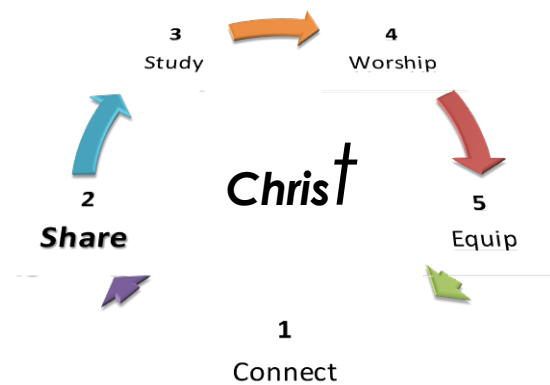
Christ's Method Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMwoexR1evo>

Christ's Method

- We are not to renounce social communion. We should not seclude ourselves from others. In order to reach all classes, we must meet them where they are. (Desire of Ages, p.152)

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Christ's Method

Let them see that our religion does not make us un-sympathetic or exacting.
 » D.A., p.152.

Christ's Method

- We should never give to the world the false impression that Christians are a gloomy, unhappy people. If our eyes are fixed on Jesus, we shall see a compassionate Redeemer, and shall catch light from His countenance. Wherever His Spirit reigns, there peace abides. And there will be joy also, for there is a calm, holy trust in God. – {DA 152.5}



Ellen G. White
 "Review and Herald"
 July 5, 1892

“The lifeless condition of many of the churches testifies to the lack of the grace of Christ in the hearts of the men appointed to act as His ambassadors.”

The Desire of Ages p.676

- “So there may be an apparent connection with Christ without a real union with Him by faith. A profession of religion places men in the church, but the character and conduct show whether they are in connection with Christ.”

Christ's Method

- But those who try to preserve their religion by hiding it within stone walls lose precious opportunities of doing good. Through the social relations, Christianity comes in contact with the world. Everyone who has received the divine illumination is to brighten the pathway of those who know not the Light of life. – {DA 152.3}

Christ's Method

- “Thus in the night of spiritual darkness God's glory is to shine forth through His church in lifting up the bowed down and comforting those that mourn. Practical work will have far more effect than mere sermonizing.” {COL 417/8}

The Christ's method of evangelism! Christian Sociability

- “Christian sociability is altogether too little cultivated by God's people...Especially should those who have tasted the love of Christ develop their social powers, for in this way they may win souls to the Saviour.”

(Testimonies for the Church, 6:172)

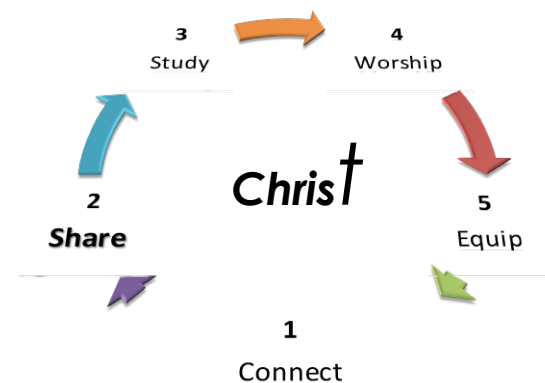
- “So it is through personal contact and association that men are reached by the saving power of the gospel.”

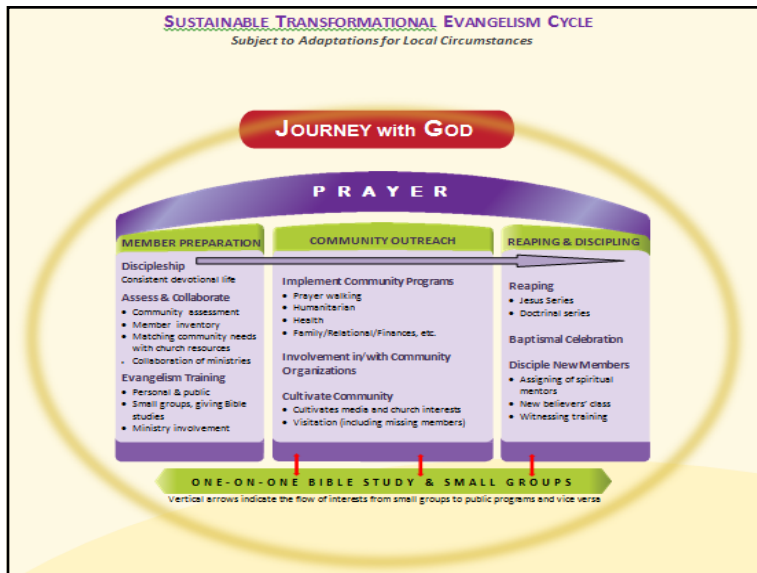
(Thoughts From the Mount of blessing, 36)

What is Evangelism?

- Evangelism must be viewed as a process leading to discipleship, not just an event that leads to membership. While increasing membership is a by-product of evangelism, the great commission envisions each believer becoming a mature, disciple-producing minister. **The task of evangelism is not finished until new believers are nurtured, trained, deployed, and winning souls themselves.**

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The Restoration Of The Role Of The Laity

- The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.

• Gospel Workers, p. 352.

The Restoration Of The Role Of The Laity

I pray that you might be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

» NIV Philemon 6