

T Cell 8 and 9 Outline

I. Introduction

A. What is discipleship?

1. "Discipleship is the God-exalting, grace saturated art of loving another person, through patiently knowing, sacrificially serving, truthfully speaking, and consistently applying the gospel in order to help them become more like Jesus."
2. "As Christians, we believe that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the turning point in human history but also has supreme relevance for people's lives today. Jesus is alive, reigning now in heaven, interceding for his people, offering real-time help through his Spirit - and we habitually consider who Jesus is because we have faith that he speaks pointedly and intimately to all aspects of human experience. The Bible speaks to our joys, sorrows, sins, hopes, fears and desires, and we endeavor to handle God's Word with deft and skill, to handle it in a way that spurs people toward greater trust, obedience and worship of God, no matter what they are facing. To do this, we consider together God's good words; we discern what wisdom looks like in light of God's good words. We explore how we as followers of Christ bring the vivaciousness and verve of his counsel into how we live our everyday lives."

B. How do we do we make disciples: a personal, adaptable process

1. Build a relationship
2. Ask questions and listen
3. Interpret what is going on biblically
4. Serve through prayer and other means
5. Teach

II. Making disciples involves teaching.

A. Why must we teach?

1. Matthew 28:19,20
2. 1 Corinthians 4:14,15
3. Galatians 4:19
4. Ephesians 4:12-15

B. Who is supposed to teach?

1. Romans 12:6-8
2. Romans 15:14
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14

C. What does it mean to teach?

1. There is a more formal kind of instruction and there is a more informal kind of teaching.
2. We'll talk about more informal teaching in the future. But for now, It's important that we make systematic and specific intentional teaching of certain truths an integral part of our discipleship. What I am saying is there are certain fundamental truths in the Bible that every Christian needs to have taught to them and explained to them so that they can continue to move forward in their relationship with God and their life in Christ.
 - a) 1 Corinthians 15:3
 - b) 1 Corinthians 11:23
 - c) 2 Timothy 2:2

D. What is it that we should make sure to teach?

1. The gospel.
 - a) You might just begin with some of the passages in the Bible that focus on explaining the gospel.
 - b) A second way you could help some understand the basics of the gospel better would be by looking at some key biblical terms, words that are important for understanding the gospel and then working your way through a biblical definition of each.
 - c) A third approach you might take is pick up what they call a catechism, and work through the sections on the gospel that you find there.
 - d) One more approach when it comes to teaching the gospel would be to go through a good book on the gospel together.
2. Truths we find in Scripture that help us understand the gospel.
 - a) One example of that would be the overarching story that runs throughout Scripture from Creation to Restoration.
 - b) I am not going to be able to give you all the kinds of truths you should study through with the people you are discipling but let me try to give you some overarching categories of truths that help us understand the gospel better.
 - (1) God, who He is, what He is like.
 - (a) We can get more specific under this heading, we need to teach about the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
 - (2) We have to look at the Scriptures themselves.
 - (3) There's what the Bible teaches about man and sin.
 - (4) There is the necessary response to the gospel, of faith and repentance.
 - (5) There's the doctrine of the church.
 - (6) There's a truth that Jesus and Paul both liked to talk about that you will want to work through, and that's something the Bible calls the kingdom of God.
 - c) You say, but how would I teach them all of this?
 - (1) One way you could do this is again by taking these categories and working through Scriptures under each one.
 - (2) Another way you can do is through honestly through good resources.
3. How to live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.
 - a) Ephesians 4-6
 - (1) How to live in the church family and the purpose of the church.
 - (2) Practical Christian living qualities like the following:
 - (a) Speaking truth
 - (b) Dealing with anger
 - (c) Their attitude towards money and work
 - (d) The way they communicate
 - (e) How to respond when others sin against them

- (f) You'll have to spend some serious time on the overarching quality that should characterize their lives, sacrificial love
 - (g) Then sexual purity is a big one
 - (h) Being controlled by the Spirit rather than a desire for pleasure
 - (i) How to honor God in the marriage relationship
 - (j) How to raise their children
 - (k) How to deal with ungodly authority
 - (l) How to be godly when you are the person in authority
 - (m) And of course, the whole topic of spiritual warfare
4. The amazing benefits and privileges that are connected to and flow out of the gospel.
- a) Election
 - b) Glorification
 - c) Adoption
 - d) Grace
 - e) Redemption
 - f) Forgiveness
 - g) The Believer's Inheritance
 - h) The Sovereignty of God at Work for the Good of the Believer
 - i) The Holy Spirit's Work in the Life of the Believer
 - j) The Greatness of God's Power Towards Us Who Believe
 - k) The Exaltation of Jesus Christ and the Connection Between Jesus and the Church
 - l) The New Birth
 - m) Justification by Faith Alone Through Grace Alone
 - n) God's Commitment to the Sanctification of the Believer
 - o) Union with Christ
 - p) Reconciliation
 - q) The Believer's Access to God
 - r) God's Indwelling of the believer
 - s) The Unique Privilege of New Testament Revelation
 - t) The Church as Family of God
 - u) The Relationship Between Believers
 - v) The Promise-Fulfillment theme of the Old Testament and the New
 - w) The Love of God for Believers
 - x) The Future Plan of God for Believers
 - y) The Spiritual Gifts God has Given Believers