



THE IDEA OF "METHOD"

Our focus this week is on Jesus' "method" of making disciples. Does the idea of discussing Jesus' "method" seem helpful? mechanical? impersonal? simplistic?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Learn what Paul and his companions did to make disciples in a city called Thessalonica. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4 – 2:14 and record your observations on the chart below.

Verse	What Paul did	Their response
1:4-6	Presented the gospel with words and power Trusted the Holy Spirit with conviction Lived among them thoughtfully	They welcomed the message

JESUS' METHOD OF MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

Some have summarized Jesus' method of making disciples with four key words: Share, Connect, Minister, and Disciple.

SHARE: We are called to "share" the love and message of Christ. Loving relationships is the bridge to communicate the good news (the gospel) and begin the discipleship process. Our love is the context in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring conviction.

Summarize what you see in each of the following Scriptures.

John 13:35

Luke 19:10

Ephesians 5:1-2

CONNECT: To make disciples, we need to help believers associate with other disciples and give themselves to God together.

What are some ways that we see new believers connecting with God's family?

Acts 4:32-35

Romans 12:9-13

Hebrews 10:25; 13:1-2

MINISTER: To make disciples, we need to equip and train people to minister (serve).

What are some ways that we engage and equip disciples to minister?

Galatians 6:2

Ephesians 4:28

1 Peter 4:10

DISCIPLE: Once people are mature, we must release them to be a disciple makers.

What do we learn from the following verses?

John 14:12; 15:8

Romans 10:14-15

2 Timothy 2:2

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What are ways that we can share the love of Christ with people who don't yet know Jesus (individually or as a church)? How can we pray and encourage one another to share?

Does the call to make disciples seem overwhelming? Exciting? Complicated? What will help us team up to fulfill our mission to make disciples who make disciples?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

We shared four aspects of the method Jesus used to make disciples: Share, Connect, Minister, Disciple. How do you see yourself working to make disciples? Are you involved in relational settings to share with outsiders? Helping people connect with God's family? Helping others learn to minister? Making disciples who make disciples? If you would like to learn more, join a discipleship group that is equipping people.

PLEASE PRAY

- Please continue to pray for our nation and communities during these times
- Please pray for those serving our children as they partner with parents
- Please pray for our widows and widowers and those seeking to encourage them