

Your Call is to Make Disciples

Go, ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you always to the ends of the earth. Matthew 28:19-20

Two of the most popular concepts that came out of these verses are that of evangelism and the Great Commission. These big words simply mean that you Christian has received a God-given responsibility to make disciples out of the Gospel of Jesus, to bring people to a saving relationship to Him regardless of their age, race, accent, color, or status in life.

Using the courier as analogy, your job is to pick up a "job order." Your job is not to create the message. Your job is to deliver, to convey the message of Jesus to the world. The package you are to deliver is a matter of life and death for the receiver. It is an urgent package from Jesus. It contains a message with warning prompted in His message of love.

Jesus is the Message. You are the messenger. The Message is above the messenger. The messenger is a servant of the Message. The extent of our responsibility and accountability to get Christ's message across is evidenced in *Ezekiel 3:16-21*.

Acts 8:4-5 - According to historians, the spread of the gospel cannot be credited only to the apostles, the apostolic successors, and the apologists. The credit should be extended to all Christians who spoke of the gospel everywhere they go; those in the marketplace, those in the workplace the merchants, the sailors, the travelers, entrepreneurs, homemakers, and tradesmen. They were significantly instrumental to the growth of the Christian faith. In the early days of the church, many Christians were martyred for their faith. They were forced to recant, but, they've chosen to be beheaded, crucified, burned, stoned to death, rather than to deny Jesus. Their martyrdom is one of the many reasons why we have the gospel of Jesus Christ to this day. Persecution is not here to send the gospel to death. Persecution is here to serve the Gospel and to bring the gospel at the forefront!

Matthew 28:18 is the basis of our going and making disciples flows from the authority of Jesus, and His authority, in no way had diminished. The same power and authority that healed these men is vested upon us.

Romans 1:16-18 – *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

As a courier of Jesus, you have a product that is 100% guaranteed effective. **You have the authority of Jesus as your authority.**

Just a few THOUGHTS FOR YOU ON THIS:

1. The going part is the first step but the essence of it is "to make disciple," to help them get to their feet.
2. In your conversation, make it your absolute goal to make Jesus Christ the focus of your effort. The gospel centers around the story of Jesus, his death and his resurrection. The **gospel is not your story**. Your story is a proof of Jesus' story!
3. Do not sugar-coat the message. Be bold not to dilute nor compromise Christ's message. If you preach the right gospel, you will get the right result and, the right gospel is this!

Acts 5:30-33 - The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Acts 2:38-39 - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Romans 10:9

4. Don't be afraid to confront people to repent, to challenge them to leave their current life in exchange for the life that Jesus offers. ^{Take} courage, don't be afraid. By the Holy Spirit, when you open your mouth, the gospel will not come to them in word only but, the Holy Spirit will demonstrate the power of Jesus as you speak (¹ Thes 1: - For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit.
5. Get hold of the promise of all promise. *V20 – "I will be with you always." IF GOD IS THE MIRACLE WORKER, YOU ARE DISCIPLE MAKER. AND GOD IS GOING TO PERFORM HIS MIRACLE THROUGH YOU AS YOU GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.*

BE on the lookout all the time. God has open doors for you to preach, and this is where you'll see His miracles!

THIS WEEK, START TO MAKE DISCIPLE. START WITH ONE. BRING THIS ONE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY. AND,

This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)