

Disciple Making – Again!

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Think with me. If a church believes that every member is called to be a disciple-maker, it is only logical that training would be provided to help every member fulfill God's will and purpose. If a local church does not have a continuous, defined disciple-making training effort, the valid conclusion is that they do not believe every member is called to make disciples. A certainty—if members are unequipped or ill-equipped, few will be active in disciple making.

During my years in ministry, one of the first ministry steps I took when entering a new church was to offer training in how to bring people to Jesus—training in making disciples. That theme resounded in sermons and classes. I piqued interest and trained people by taking them with me on Bible studies. I trained people with seminars and workshops. Even today, I continue to provide training, mostly in Spanish, online, and during international mission trips.

An important factor in developing a disciple-making training model is whether people can easily do what is taught. My training model is simple: learn to ask questions, how to awaken and develop interest, how to develop the study so that a decision must be made. Another summary that I find helpful in making disciples: consider PROXIMITY (those you are naturally in contact with continually), commit to being PRESENT (learn to be spiritually present—not just physically present), be an example of Christian PRACTICE, explain Christian PRACTICE, be PASSIONATE about sharing the gospel, be PERSONAL, facilitate PROCLAMATION, facilitate PERSUASION, always PRAY.

Regardless of the training model used, the training process must be clearly defined, easily doable, with a clear destination. Make clear the starting point, the process, the result.

Let us do better! Let's help our members understand the call to make disciples. Let us help our members learn how to answer that call. Let us increase the evangelistic involvement of our members!