

September 30, 2020

Topic 7: A Disciple Serves Reaching Out and Serving Like Jesus

**Faith isn't something you
merely *have*;
it is
something you *live***

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." –Mark 10:45

"MAKING DISCIPLES" is

leading others to trust in Christ alone for salvation
and to orient their lives around the three-fold desire to
know Jesus and his teaching;
to *grow* more like Jesus;
and to *go* for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples.

- ✓ We do this by serving, and giving our lives away, as Jesus did.
- ✓ We share with and invest in others the wisdom, truth, experiences, insights, resources, skills, abilities, etc.

Personally embracing Christ's mission to go and make disciples may involve the following:

Rejecting the self-centeredness of our culture and embracing the self-less, servant mindset modeled by Jesus (Philippians 2)

Understanding you have been saved for a life of good works that match the unique ways God has created or "wired" you (see Ephesians 2:8–10)

Letting your light shine out among neighbors, coworkers, friends, etc., by doing those good works in the power of God's Spirit (Matthew 5:16)

Discovering, understanding, and utilizing your God-given abilities to serve and build up the Body of Christ (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 4)

Getting equipped to minister to others (Ephesians 4:11–13)

Taking the truth, training, and blessings God has given you and turning around and investing that in others (2 Timothy 2:2)

Learning how to give a reason "for the hope that is in you," then sharing your own story of how the Good News of Jesus has changed your life (1 Peter 3:15, *nasb*)

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Some things to Consider

1. In several passages throughout the gospel of John Jesus described himself as “sent” by God. Look up the verses below, read and underline them so you can easily remind yourself who sent Jesus.

John 3:34

John 4:34

John 5:23–24

John 5:30

John 5:37–38

John 6:29

John 6:38–39

John 6:44

John 6:57

John 7:16

John 7:18

John 7:28–29

John 7:33

John 8:16

John 8:18

John 8:26

John 8:29

John 8:42

John 9:4

John 10:36

John 12:44–45

John 12:49

John 14:24

John 15:21

John 16:5

John 17:3

John 17:8

John 17:18

John 17:21

John 17:23

John 17:25

John 20:21

2. Jesus declared that His single objective was to accomplish the will of his Father in heaven (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38–39).
3. Jesus said that he did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a sacrifice (Mark 10:45). His stated purpose was “to seek and save those who are lost” (Luke 19:10, nlt).
4. To accomplish his announced intention, he would ultimately “build his church” (Matthew 16:18).

Personal Reflections

5. Who are the people who have poured into your life—and helped you grow spiritually? How exactly did they do that?
6. Do you have people into whom you are intentionally investing? Who? What does that look like?
7. What would you say to the person who said, “I really want to grow in my faith, but I’m honestly not that interested in ‘serving others.’” Or “I’m not qualified to ‘minister’ to someone else”?