

Hang with me.

Are you a disciple? Are you a disciple maker? Assuming that you yourself are a disciple, could you make another disciple? Have you been trained to make disciples? In this highly structured, methodological culture in which we live, what is discipleship and discipleship training? Is it a curriculum; a class; a technique? Ever thought about it? Let's.

The church is called by Jesus, the Christ, to "Go ye therefore into all the world and make disciples...". But just exactly how that is to be done, is a topic of much study, disagreement, and even controversy! The question in my mind is, how did Jesus make disciples and how did his disciples make disciples? Consider the following.

The book of Hebrews tells us that our High Priest Jesus, "...was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin." That means that He made good decisions, doesn't it? When faced with a decision as to whether or not to obey or disobey God, honor or dishonor God, be a testimony for or against God... Jesus chose "sinlessly", all the time, every time.

Then, when he was about 30 years old, He gathered to Himself a band of 12 guys and said to them (in the vernacular) "Hang with me". For the next 3 ½ years, those men watched Jesus choose wisely, appropriately, caringly, selflessly, sinlessly, about each and every situation that life, the world, the Devil and God could send His way.

Having freely admitted that He did and said nothing on His own, but instead, He did and said those things which the Father commanded Him, Jesus was a self-proclaimed disciple of His Father. As such, He was involved in the process of making more disciples. How did He do it? Well, we just saw it, above, didn't we? His men "hung" with Him as He walked through life, making Godly decisions.

Now what is different about us... anything? No; nothing at all. Our children, our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors, our \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank), are all watching the decisions we make about whatever God allows to come before us (and that includes everything, by the way!). When we name the name of Christ, and call ourselves disciples, we then embark on a *life* of disciple making; not a formulaic, methodological, highly structured plan, but an organic way of living, that allows others to see how a follower of Christ behaves, decides, reacts, responds, etc...etc...etc...

Loved ones; go and make a disciple. Allow someone to "hang with you" and show them how it's done, this "living for God" thing that we claim to be involved in...

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