

Week 3: We believe the ones most dangerous to the world are fully-equipped, Spirit-filled disciple makers in the world.

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus left us with the greatest single mission in all of human history: **to make disciples of all nations**. How could a handful of uneducated young men from a dusty corner of the Roman empire ever accomplish such a great task? Jesus knew the enormity of this mission in terms of size and scope, so strategically, His primary ministry was simply pouring His life into these young men. When Jesus' time on Earth was over, He poured out His Spirit into all those who choose to follow Him. Today, this same life-giving, death-destroying Spirit that empowered Christ now lives inside each of His disciples. With His Spirit living inside us, coupled with guidance and training from more seasoned Christ-followers, we believe one single disciple focused on making disciples can turn this world upside down.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) If there's one thing in this world you could change, what would it be?

- 2) Read Matthew 28:18-20. What was Jesus' plan for changing the world? Who were Jesus' words directed to (not who was He speaking to), and what was He asking them to do?

- 3) Read Luke 6:39-40. According to Jesus, what is a "disciple"? How does one become a disciple?

- 4) Obviously, the Apostle Paul grasped Jesus' mission and committed his life to it. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. What other concepts on discipleship can we learn from Paul's encouragement to Timothy (and ultimately to us)?

- 5) Read John 3:16; 15:18-19 How do you understand the term "the world." In what ways was Jesus for the world, but also in opposition to the world?

- 6) How does knowing Jesus' perspectives on "the world" help you understand how to live in it?

- 7) Read John 14:15-20, 25-27; 16:5-15. What roles does the Holy Spirit play in the life a disciple?

- 8) Of all three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) why do you think the Holy Spirit is often the least talked about?

- 9) There are plenty of “dangerous” Christians who have impacted the world. Which ones come to mind for you and what did they do?

- 10) Read “Born to Reproduce” by Dawson Trotman. (takes about 15 minutes) You don’t have to answer the questions at the back but be ready to discuss the material. You can find the handout here: <http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com/pdfs/AA094.pdf>

WHAT WILL YOU DO? Disciple-making is simply a lifestyle of leading people closer to Jesus in order to help them become more like Him. Find someone who you can start meeting with, either to disciple or to be discipled.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Memorize Matthew 28:19-20 -Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.