

Disciple Making and Discipleship Terms

1. **Disciple** – someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus (Matt. 4:19).
2. **Disciple making** – entering into relationships to **help people meet & experience, trust & follow Jesus** (Matt. 28:18–20), which includes the whole process from conversion through maturation and multiplication.
3. **Disciple maker** – a disciple of Jesus who enters into relationships with people to help them trust and follow Jesus.
4. **Discipleship** – the state of being a disciple.
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Entering into relationships – We are told by Jesus to initiate and be intentional—because we are to “go” and “make” disciples (vs.19). Jesus modeled how to do that – he entered into relationships with his disciples.

Help people – we are told to make disciples (vs.19). Following Jesus we make disciples of people by coaching, teaching, listening, counseling, etc. The expression “helping people” communicates these principles in a warm manner, as an expression of love, which is the underlying motivation.

Trust – Disciple making is about repentance and conversion with the accent on grace—baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (vs.19). This also applies to those parts of spiritual growth that just require trusting God.

Follow – Disciple making is about obedience and sanctification (increasing holiness)—“teaching them to obey everything I commanded you” (vs. 20). This applies to those parts of spiritual growth that require obedience. And it naturally includes and leads to the command to make other new disciples (multiplication is built in).

Jesus – He is the object and focus in discipleship; disciples are to become His “apprentices” and “live life” as He would live—“make disciples” (vs. 19). Jesus promises to also be present with us in the process (by his Spirit) to the end of the age.