

DISCIPLE-MAKING EVANGELISM

Introduction – Some seem to think that the goal of disciple-making is baptizing people for the right reason. It is not merely correcting a person's misunderstanding about baptism. Instead the biblical goal is the transformation of the convert into Christ-like character. Baptism is the transitional point in this process.

Matthew 28:18-20

A. Jesus selected twelve to receive on-the-job training for three years.

Mark 3:13-15

B. The making of elders, bishops, and shepherds for the church in Ephesus is an example of the disciple-making process.

1. Paul trained new converts over three years to become leaders.

Acts 20:17, 27-32

2. Paul told Timothy to stay in Ephesus to continue training men for leadership (1 Timothy 1:3; 3:1-13).

2 Timothy 2:1-2

3. Paul instructed the church in Ephesus to continue disciple-making.

Ephesus 4:11-13

Conclusion – We must recognize the limitations of the modern classroom model of education. We must practice the more relational model of biblical disciple-making.

1 Corinthians 11:1