

## Go make disciples

**Q** Where have you been this week? Who have you met?

What did I preach on last time? = Gt Commandment

What other "great" is there in NT? **Mat 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

What is the command here = make disciples!

Literally - "as you go, make disciples". We all go! The big thing is - as we go, we are to make disciples.

As we go about our daily business we are to make disciples.

The big overarching purpose for our lives, for all the stuff we get involved in is to make disciples! That is why we go to work, that is what we are to do when we go to the shops - that is to be the heart beat of our lives!

Jesus wants each Christian to be a disciple who goes out and makes disciples who makes disciples who makes disciples.... - and so the earth is filled as we read in Gen 1.

**Q - What is a disciple?** A disciple follows Jesus.

What did Jesus say when He called His disciples? Follow me! Not just learn, not just tag along - but follow Me. Relationship - Not just learning. = not only to learn, but to become attached to one's teacher and to become his follower in doctrine and conduct of life. (CWSDict)

Involves aiming to be like the teacher. **Luk 6:40** *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. A pupil is not superior to his teacher, but everyone [when he is] completely trained (readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected) will be like his teacher. (AMP)*

Part of Jesus training us is to readjust us! To conform us to His image. Being a disciple involves following Jesus and letting Him shape you and change you.

**Q Who needs discipling?** Applies to everyone we come into contact with:

Unsaved, New Christians, Family - spouse, children, parents, People in church.

Our role is to move them on in their journey. It might not be that you lead them to Jesus but you may be the 1st person to cause them to seriously think about God. For those who are Christians our task is to draw them nearer to Jesus, to help them be closer followers, to love Him more.

Everything reproduces after its own kind. We read in Gen 1 that everything reproduces after its own kind - sow apple pips and what will you get? Sow radish seeds and what will you get? Put 2 rabbits in a pen together and what will you get? Big fact - you will reproduce after your own kind as a Christian & as a church.

What type of Christians would you like Brynmawr to be populated with? Then be that Christian! Be that church! If we are chilled out, non-fervent Christians then what will we produce? If we are on fire, passionate & obedient Christians - what will we produce?

### **Practical**

Pray for others - Eph 1, come to know Jesus. Prayer is our greatest resource! Pray for God to open your eyes to daily opportunities

Encourage others - get a reputation for injecting courage into people!

Get thrilled with Jesus! **Jn 1:40-41** *One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Anointed One).* Andrew found out about Jesus from John the Baptist. After spending some time with Jesus what is the first thing he does? He went to his brother Peter and told him about Jesus! Stick with Jesus! Make Him the subject of your conversations!

