



# Discipleship – A Key to Thriving Churches

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# Walking Together

*“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **“Come, follow me,”** Jesus said, **“and I will send you out to fish for people.”** At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.*

*Mark 1: 16-20*

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# Taking people along ...

- Being Intentional
- Seeking the seekers
- Grace to lead
- Love for people
- Seeing potential
- Willingness to invest
- Taking the risk



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Discussion ...

**How can we respond to such a call?**

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# Components of discipleship

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”*

*Mark 1: 17*

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## **Head ...** *“Come follow me ...*

- A willingness to listen
- A willingness to be led
- A trust in the other
- A faith in God’s plans
- A walk of adventure

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*“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”*

*John 12:26 ESV*



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Discussion ...

**How can we apply this in our context ?**

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## **Heart ... “ I will make you ...”**

- A transformation and not just information
- A self denial
- Dealing with idols of the heart
- A life of integrity
- A life of intimacy

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*“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”*

*Matthew 16:24-26*

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Discussion ...

**What could be some barriers in this “heart shaping”?**

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## **Hands ... “fishers of men”**

- Service is dynamic
- Being in the business of “people”
- Our SHAPE leads us to our ministry
- Living as “being sent out”
- Abiding results in fruitfulness/multiplication

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*“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*

*2 Corinthians 5:15-20*

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Discussion ...

**How has God shaped me to reach out to people?**

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## Discipleship leading to Friendship

*“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”*

*John 15:15*