

# Intentional - Session 1

Speaker - Jonathan Walker

## The Historical Essence of Disciple-Making

Beit Safar (Ages 6 – 10) Memorized the Torah

Beit Talmud (Ages 10 – 14) Memorized remaining books (Joshua-Malachi)

Beit Midrash (Ages 14+) Talmid

The Rabbis set of teachings was called his “yoke”

Acts 15:10 / Gal. 5:1-2 / Matt. 11:29

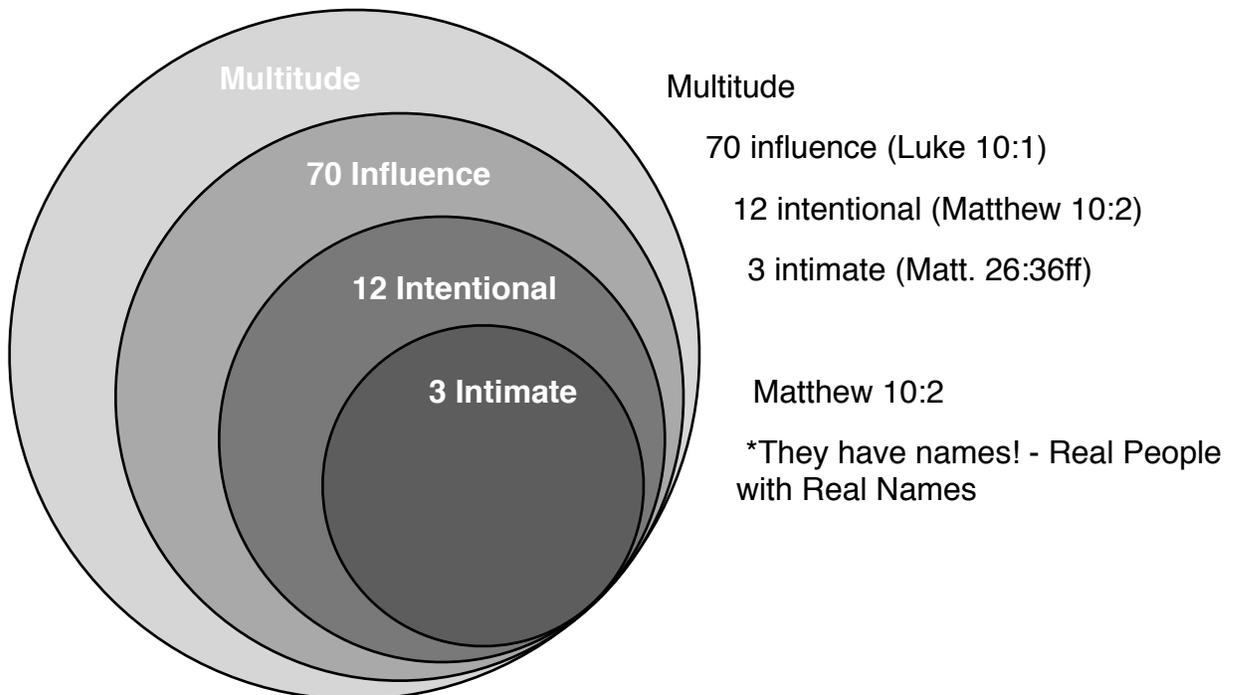
A Talmidine was an accepted disciple in a relationship with a Rabbi

Jesus offered a radically different yoke than the Rabbi’s of his day

The fishermen of Jesus day probably didn’t have what it took to be disciple makers. They were following the family trade.

Jesus believed in them, the not good enough’s!

He also performed an amazing miracle to validate them and what he was calling them to (the net breaking catch of fish)



## **TO MAKE A DISCIPLE -**

To form a relationship of explicit and intentional influence toward Christ likeness

### **#1 Discipleship is Invitational**

Historically God was always intentionally inviting people into relationship with himself

“You didn’t choose me - I chose you”

### **#2 Discipleship is Individual**

Jesus is deeply and intimately involved with his disciples

Who would I invite:

People I already have a relationship with

Appropriate (same gender)

Someone who is teachable and eager to learn

Someone who is spiritually younger

Jonathan - (I am selective, I only have so much time)

### **#3 Discipleship is Intentional**

Offering something to that person (With the intention that they would then invite someone into the same kind of relationship - Multiplication)

Deep and full understanding of the Gospel

This was intended to go viral through you!

### **#4 Discipleship is Incarnational**

Colossians 1:27

Follow me as I follow Christ - “Christ in you, the hope of glory!”

It’s not about your perfection but it’s Christ working inside of you

Failures are a platform for intentional teaching and learning

You cannot remain neutral about an invitation (It demands a response)

# Intentional - Session 2

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## **The Foundation of Disciple Making - Gen 1:26-28**

Discipleship is valuing the individual

The mission or sending of God - We have a Missional God

## **We are partnering with a missional God - Joining Him in what he's always been doing.**

This is not something the church came up with but what God has ordained and called us to. He is doing it and we are partnering with him.

God sovereignly moves on us in putting together relationships; drawing us into relationships he has ordained...disciple-making.

There is no such thing as delayed obedience

Colossians 1:16-17

## **In disciple-making we are joining in the passion of the heart of God.**

God created us invitational in our DNA

Ezekiel 1:1 Ezekiel's birthday; the day he was supposed to become a priest; nothing working out the way he thought it would...and yet God speaks...

Acts 8 reveals God's passion for one

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## Why is this thing of disciple-making so close to the heart of God?

Tonight we are trying to sell you on this!

Robert Coleman – God’s master plan of evangelism is disciple-making

Jesus believed the way the world was going to be won was through the mission of disciple-making.

Genesis 1:26-28

God creates man and woman and gives them a mission

Multiply & Subdue - Make babies & rule

Multiplication is the means by which dominion is established

The necessary ingredient of multiplication to take place

Proximity

The first Adam was commanded by God to be fruitful and multiply. The second Adam fulfilled God’s mandate to be fruitful and multiply and has been fulfilling it every since

Creation: It was Good!			
God	Ourselves	Others	Created World
Then Came Sin...			
Morality	Carnality	Enmity	Futility
The Gospel Redeems!			
Life	Freedom	Love	Discipleship

The call to disciple is a call to multiply by proximity the life of Jesus Christ in another

**The call to make disciples was not given for our improvement but for our enjoyment. Fill Battle Ground...fill Washington...with disciples.**

# Intentional - Session 4

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## **The Gospel in 8 Parts**

### **Chapter One: The goodness and the greatness of God**

The Gospel begins with good news!

God's Sovereignty: God is unchallenged in his authority - Daniel 4:35

Self-Sufficiency of God: God lacks nothing - Acts 17:24-25

Goodness of God: God is exceedingly generous - Psalm 34:8

Holiness of God: God is set apart and pure - Hebrews 12:28-29

1 Timothy 6:17-18

God chooses to create for the sheer joy of creation and lavishes his love on that creation and displays his glory to all of creation

### **Chapter Two: The tragedy of sin**

The above makes the fall of man an exceedingly tragic event

Three Realities of Sin:

1. Sin is an insane choice

Without a tree of choice there would be no privilege of relationship. The tree was a gift!

2. Sin is rooted in a desire to be like God

To take sovereignty away from God

3. Sin is always rebellion against God in some form or fashion

Adam and Eve had a covering of their own righteousness before the fall but now after the fall they were uncovered and would have been consumed by God if he would have approached them. They cannot approach God either.

### **Chapter Three: The Depravity of Man**

Because of Adam and Eve's choice, sin comes naturally to all of us.

John 8:34 / John 15:5

Adam and Eve hand of authority and dominion over to Satan - become slaves to a new master.

## **Chapter Four: The Perfection of Christ**

Jesus is a tempted man Hebrews 2:17

Jesus is a new kind of Man: Tempted yet obedient Romans 5:19

Now there is one Man who can approach God freely

Jesus is the new Boss in the world

What Adam gave away I got back! - Jesus

He can ask whatever he wishes for you and I

## **Chapter Five: The Process of Substitution**

Old Testament System - Lev.16

High Priest – Who can bring sacrifices

The day of atonement

1st goat – sacrificial goat

2nd goat – scape goat - Sins are sent away from the camp into the wilderness

The sinner needed the high priest and the day of atonement

There is a day coming to fulfill the day of atonement

1. Jesus is the high priest

2. Jesus is the sacrificial goat 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

3. Jesus is also the scape goat John 1 Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world - Then Jesus is led away by the Spirit into the wilderness

4. Jesus also become the sinner on the cross - 2 Cor. 5:21

**HE FULFILLS THE ENTIRE THING ON OUR BEHALF!**

The punishment for sin is a historical reality

Being saved is simply believing Jesus for everything - Jesus already paid for sin, I just believe what already happened.

## **Chapter Six: The Impact of Redemption - John 6 whoever eats my flesh...**

A Jewish listener would leave repulsed - No blood!

For generations you have had the blood sprinkled on the outside. Now I will cleanse you from the inside.

You have a need to not cleanse the outside but the inside

Hebrews 4:16

Legalism = Somehow “your” righteousness affords you more relationship with God.

We get to engage with God in authentic and true relationship

The most reasonable response to our failures for someone who has believed the Gospel is to boldly and joyfully run to the throne, not from it - Joyful Repentance!

### **Chapter Seven: The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

The veil (4” thick) is made to create a sense of separation

The fear when the veil was torn was that “God got out” Historically bad things happened when that happened

A general sense of, “Where did God go?” - Yikes!

The day of Pentecost

Single pillar of fire in the wilderness

Now pillars of fire over every one of us!

Now his presence is in us

Because of the righteousness of Christ, The Holy Spirit can dwell in us. - Power/Authority

Now we are empowered to live the life of God by God’s presence in us

In the Old Testament He came upon them...

Now he lives within us...

Sealed vs. Inviting the Spirit to fill all

### **Chapter Eight: The Battle for Freedom / Sanctification**

Sanctification is not to improve your standing before God but to improve your enjoyment of God

The gospel begins in the goodness of God

Conclusion: All of the above is the thing that you are giving away in disciple-making.

Jesus preaches the gospel before it is fully activated.

This is the mandate he passes off to us

# Intentional - Session 5

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## **Matthew 16:24 - Jesus Template for Disciple Making**

Deny himself / take up his cross / follow me

**Denying yourself:** An ongoing act of the will whereby I habitually abandon every desire that is contrary to the will of God.

Denying yourself is an internal exercise

Lord, fill me with your will in this situation

We live in a society that is so indulgent and so consumptive

What would it look like for you to trade your will for God's will in this situation? What would happen in this situation

In a vulnerable and risky opening up of a persons life we can ask the question, "What would it look like to deny yourself in this situation?"

Be careful in the disciple making process to not use words like, "If you try harder,"

There are traits in the lives of those who will not deny themselves, arrogance, self-reliance, etc.

The trait of humility is most evident in the lives of those who have denied themselves

Luke 22:42

**Take up your cross:** A commitment to joyfully bear the sufferings of others as I participate in God's redemptive plan

Taking up your cross is an external exercise

We are all called to suffer (1 Peter 2:21-25) - This is often buried in the fine print

We represent that suffering with how we bear the suffering of those around us. We have empathy for them.

In discipling those we disciple will not be neat, clean people. But we are uniquely gifted to bear those burdens for others. This is our calling, to suffer with Christ.

Now that I know your problems let me pass you off to someone else? NO! (James 1:2)

There is a clear difference between the trials you encounter and those you create

If you live like hell you will have a hell of a mess

I am positive that there is only one book you need to read to make disciples - The word of God must be at the top of our list above every new best seller

Discipline yourself to get into the word of God before you get into the disciple making process. Expose them to the word of God. - At the end of the day it is the only part that will be left standing.

Disciple making is not fixing. It is walking with some one to let God have his perfect perfecting work (James 1:4) - What if we just said, "I'll walk with you"

The prostitute poured out her oil on Jesus feet - Jesus shared her suffering

**If you want to be popular start a rock band. If you want to influence the world make a disciple.**

**Three illustrations:**

Richard Wurmbandt's wife: "I do not need a coward for a husband."

You will suffer if you stand for Jesus

Martin Neamore: "They came for the socialists and I did not speak because I was not a socialist; a union worker, a Jew, then they came for me and there was no one else to speak for me"

Are you willing to speak for someone else?

Mexican finalist: My country did not send me 5,000 miles to start a race but to finish a race!

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## **The Template for Disciple Making Continued...**

The Way of the Shepherd; great leadership book

Beauty of intentional – Clear on the front side of the expectations - Making more disciples...

Deny yourself and then take up “your” cross - This will look different for every one of you

## **Follow Me:**

May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi

May your house be filled with sages and may you be covered in their dust

Truth: May you be close enough to hear every word that they said

Matthew 16:24- Deny yourself take up your cross and follow me...death...suffering...misery?

Where are we heading?

Matthew 7:14 = LIFE / Matthew 10:39 = LIFE / John 3:15 = LIFE

The path leads not to death and misery but to LIFE

Luke 18:24 How difficult is it for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God

It is difficult for us to see the exceeding great value of the Kingdom vs. what we have here. It's difficult but not impossible.

Peter: What do we get out of this deal?

Jesus: You will receive many times more... in this age and in the next... Peter, you made a very good trade!

Jonathan's testimony about bowing out of the opportunity of pro-sports after personally receiving Christ

Richard Wurmbrant's testimony about the presence of God after returning to his tiny cell after experiencing hours of torture

He is not offering an easier life but the only life...

Hebrews 12:1-3 Message Translation

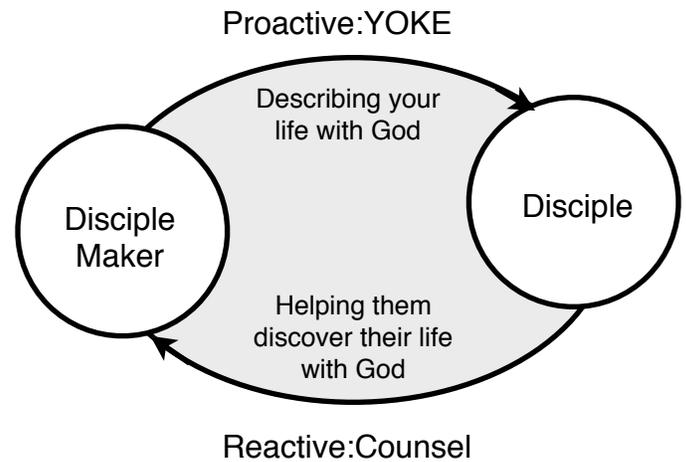
We can give this away, because we are implementing it in our own life.

We are in process not perfection

## The Disciplemaker/Disciple Relationship

A discipler can give counsel - We have the mind of Christ.

Narrow the big Mess down - There is a very small amount of things that they truly can change; What are the things the disciple has some measure of control over - Where changes can be made...



### We should ask:

“What is it that Christ is asking of you?”

What would it look like for you to deny your self, and take up your cross?

Apply the Template - Deny self / Take up cross/ Follow Christ

**The yoke of a disciple-maker** - You’ve been given something, now go give it away...

The Lessons I’ve learned & The Stories that Surround Them

A unique understanding that you possess because of doing life with God

Examples: Character shows up in time / The right thing to do, is always the right thing to do...

When God comes to your defense you need nothing else

### Collect your life lessons that you have learned over time

\*They are like sharp tools in the tool box of your life. Consider the following as you think of what these things are:

- Has the Lord ever spoken to your specific situation through his word?
- Have you ever been confronted about something and walked away enlightened?
- Have you ever waited on the Lord and learned valuable things along the way?
- Has the Lord given you simple phrases to live by?
- Do you have special ways of meeting with or hearing from the Lord?

Disciple making is not a curriculum

Disciple making is sharing your life

# Jesus Template for Disciple Making - Matthew 16:24

Disciple Making is not fixing. It is walking with and enduring to produce a finished faith.

## DENY HIMSELF

### An Internal Exercise

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## FOLLOW ME

### An Exercise in Process

- To seek the direction of the Spirit of Christ as my guide to life!
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- He's not offering an easy life, He's offering the only life that really matters.
- He is leading you to life. to a resurrection that will exceed your wildest expectations
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## **The Disciplines of Disciplemaking**

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Testimony of Moody's conversion by his Sunday School Teacher (Edward Kimball)

Edward was apprehensive about the Lord's instruction for him to go to a shoe store and lead D. L. Moody to Christ

Moody ... Meyer ... Chapman ... Billy Sunday ... Mordecia Hamm ... Billy Graham

One person can have power and influence on another persons life

Turn your passion to discipline - See the passion verified in the patterns of your life.

We don't have the right to choose who we disciple...God is the one doing that...we are just obedient

If the person who is affluent does not know Christ they are just as dead as the prostitute

## **The Soldier:**

They sign up to give their lives / They are owned by someone else

They take orders / They are all in / Yes sir!

Share in suffering / Ignoring the petty / Pleasing his enlister

One way to measure your success is have you turned your passion to discipline. Be committed!

God is calling us in this generation to turn our passion into discipline

Don't chew on the pieces of the puzzle of life to make them fit

## **The Athlete:**

An athlete is committed; endurance; passion; consistency

An athlete must be committed to all of that; to all of the rules

Competes according to the rules / Process is important / Receives a crown

Don't call a life of sin freedom

**Three areas that describe obedience:** Don't touch the glory, gold or girls

- Don't touch the glory

When you get good don't take the credit

Work like it's your problem and pray like it's his

He has established this before the world began

- Don't touch the gold

It's a lot easier to make a living than to make a life

You take money out of the story of the good Samaritan and you don't have a story

Don't make the money the issue

Information without application is nothing

Time to break the huddle and run a play

- Don't touch the girls

### **The Farmer**

Hard worker

1st to share in harvest

Patient – I spend a larger part of my disciple-making time as a water boy (some plant, some water, and some harvest)

The Reward:

Pleases his enlister / Receives a crown / first to share in the crops