



Men on Task

Matt. 28:18-20

Luke 6:46-49

What is a Disciple?

- One who is **CALLED** and gives full allegiance to Christ who called them.
- One who is equipping and applying **TRAINING** to spiritual growth and transformation.
- One who is **SENT** to love, serve and abide in Christ through every good work.



The Disciples' First: Called

- **No surprise. You MUST be born again.** Jn.3:7
- **I have come to call sinners.** Mk 2:17 **I offer you INTERNAL heartsight, not just EXTERNAL eyeservice.**
- **115million men 15yrs ↑ 70 million do not...**
- **Many think they have tried Christianity and it failed so they rejected it. The truth is they have never grasped a real faith.**
- **Without being born again you only go on TASK in the wrong direction.** (Capt'n Jack's Compass)

When Do People Hear the Call?

- When we connect with them face to face and are facing crisis and we share our heart and faith, the Lord draws near.
- What about foxhole faith? Seeking God to make my mess better.
- Teach differently and trust the One who works in the heart.
- Commitment is not equal to Surrender – but both are needed for a changed heart expressing itself in life behaviors.

The Disciple's Second: Trained

- **Training in Righteousness must happen.**
- **Most job success requires skill upgrades and training.**
 - Learn skills and apply them
 - Learn the people and work with them
 - Learn the vision, mission and plan for your job and find purpose.
- **Undisciplined Christians are lukewarm in faith, worldly in behavior and hypocritical in witness.**
- **The big lie is their true default position: Jesus is not enough to keep their joy.**

The Big Temptation

- **Skip training & discipline. “I can find 10 men who will die for the Bible for every 1 who actually reads it.”**
- **Christians must not settle for behavior modification.**
- **Rules and regulations taught by your mother or spiritual ideas digested and regurgitated by your wife won't cut it.**
- **You can't know Christ if you involve him in your life as little as possible.**
- **A disciple has an affection and allegiance to Christ that shapes his goal in every circumstance.**

The Disciple's Third: Sent

- **Your very life is sent in Christ. “...the father sent me, I am sending you.” Jn. 20:21**
- **Fundamentally I send you to love others, bear fruit and do good because this is who you are in every task you do.**
- **What to know if you are in fact a disciple? Holdfast to Jesus' teachings and you will know the truth. It sets you free!!!! Jn. 8:32**
- **Equipping in Christ results in expanding skills to do/be/do Christ!**

Conclusion

- **“All my life I dreamed of teaching math. I learned, trained graduated and finally got the job.**
- **2 problems arose: I had kids in class with problems math couldn't solve, and I found teachers who knew Christ but not each other.**
- **God gave me the vision to address these problems.”**
- **God ordains us and places us in his work where he wants us.**
- **In grace and love, forgiveness and life in the Spirit we serve...do/be/do/be/do!!!!**