

THE ESSENTIALS: DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 28:16-20

Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus.

-David Platt

1. It's Imperative that We Make Disciples!

2. Discipleship Done Right—Two Examples

Paul & Timothy

Aquila & Priscilla

3. Jesus is the Perfect Example

4. Practical Steps in Discipleship

Getting to Know You

1. Have you ever had a piece of clothing that you just couldn't part with? What was it and what made it special? If not, what is something that you have held onto that holds special meaning for you?

Into the Bible

2. Read Luke 5:1-11. This is one of the gospel passages that deals with the calling of some of the disciples. What elements of discipleship do we see here? (Authority, obedience, sacrifice) What was the practical cost to those men of following Jesus, both in that moment and throughout their lives? Why was it worth it?

3. Read Ephesians 4:1-16. What character traits are given in those opening verses and how do they relate to discipleship? According to Paul, what is the goal of spiritual gifting and discipleship in the church?

Application

4. John gave two examples of discipleship done right to open his sermon. What characteristics were common to Aquila & Priscilla as well as Timothy that made them effective disciples? How can we cultivate those same qualities so that we too might be effective disciples?

5. How do spiritual gifts and discipleship overlap? What are some ways that we disciple in accordance with people's spiritual gifts? In what way can you encourage or equip someone in their gifting, and be a part of that discipleship process?

For Families

6. Teaching is a key element of discipleship. Jesus commanded us to teach in Matthew 28. Timothy was taught the truth from an early age by his mother and grandmother. What are some practical ways that you have integrated the word of God into your home? What are some ways that this has been a struggle? Is there a family in the church that you could reach out to for some practical advice or encouragement?