

# WEEK 5:

## WHAT IS A DISCIPLE MAKER?

# MISSION CRITICAL

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to raise up **WHO** disciple makers  
**WHO ARE THE GOSPEL**  
**where we**  
*live, work & play*



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## Open in Prayer

Open each week with prayer. This campaign is focused on the idea of living with God's heart for His mission. This is only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit, and must begin in prayer.

## Watch the Video for Week 5 Together

Video is found on RightNow Media, YouTube and [mitchellberean.com/mission](http://mitchellberean.com/mission)

## Small Group Discussion

**Recap.** In this week's sermon we saw that being a disciple also entails being on track to be a disciple maker. We learned a working definition of "Disciple Maker," and the importance of our personal relationship with God, hiding His word in our heart and correctly understanding His Word in order for us to be able to make disciples.

**Disciple Maker:** *Someone who entrusts the Gospel to others who will continue to pass it on.*

**1. Train up disciple makers** (pursue others)

**2 Timothy 2:2** *You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.*

**2. Push God's work forward** (personally own the mission)

**2 Timothy 2:3-7** *Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.*

**3. Use the truth of God's Word to shape the lives of others** (impacting others)

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.*

**In Life Group this week, we will look at 3 Aspects of Being a Disciple Maker:**

1. A Knowledge of God
2. A Love of God
3. A Surrender to God

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# Questions to Consider

## 1. A Disciple Maker Must Have a Knowledge of God

How are you currently growing in your knowledge of the Word of God?

What are your greatest struggles in understanding & knowing the Word of God?

What areas do you feel like you “do not know enough” in order to be a disciple maker? (fears)

**1 Peter 2:2** *Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

## 2. A Disciple Maker Must Have a Love of God

Jesus tells the woman at the well that the Father is looking for worshipers who worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Do you feel like your knowledge of God is impacting your love for God? Why?

What do you think it means to be a “student or teacher of the law, but yet not understand the law”? (look at cross references)

Love is very powerful, and can be seen by others. Do you feel as if your love of God is contagious to others? Why or why not?

**John 4:24** *For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.*

**1 Timothy 1:7** *They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.*

**1 Corinthians 13**

## 3. A Disciple Maker Must Surrender to God

As we grow in our own maturity and begin to teach others it is important to always grow in our own surrender. What are areas that you need to surrender in order to become a disciple maker?

Share an experience when you surrendered something valuable to God that was difficult to let go of, but when you did you saw exponential growth in Christ?

**Luke 9:23-24** *Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”*

**Galatians 2:20** *My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*



## Group Fellowship & Prayer

**Discuss.** As you pray and discuss this week's sermon and questions with one another, please try to be vulnerable.

**Pray.** Spend some time exchanging prayer requests and minister to one another's needs.

**Hang out.** Getting to know one another is a vital part of being "on mission".

## Weekly Challenge

**Go Deeper in Your Time with God.** I hope you have taken the campaign challenge of reading through the Gospel of John. This week during your reading, choose at least one day to explore studying the Bible in a deeper way. Try studying context, original language, and asking the following questions. (*"**Blue Letter Bible**" or the free version of **Logos Bible Software**, are both free options that can help you with this study*)

1. What is the context of this passage and who is being spoken to?
2. What is this passage telling me to be true about God?
3. What is this passage telling me to be true about myself and humans in general?
4. Pray and meditate on these first three points.
5. How can I change and how can I apply this passage to my life?
6. Set a goal

**Join PATHFINDER.** If you are looking for more ways to enhance your study of God's Word, join the **PATHFINDER Foundational Class** beginning November 20th, held at 9:30 AM on Sundays between the 2 Sunday services. This class is available for signups under Core Classes in Groups on ChurchCenter.

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