

Spring 2016 Gospel Meeting
"Evangelism"

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- 1. In The Great Commission, Jesus stated, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ...", [Matthew 28:19-20](#)
- 2. To "make disciples" is the GOAL of evangelizing the world for Christ
- 3. What does it mean to be His disciple, and how does one become a disciple?

I. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

- A. THE WORD DISCIPLE
 - 1. The Greek word translated "disciple" is *mathetes* (math-ay-tace)
 - 2. It is used 261 times in the New Testament
 - 3. Literally means a learner, pupil
 - 4. It denotes "one who follows another's teaching" – Vine
 - 5. A disciple was not only a learner, he was also an adherent

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- B. THE GOAL OF A DISCIPLE
 - 1. To be like his or her teacher, [Luke 6:40](#)
 - 2. To be Jesus' disciple, then, is to strive to be like Him!
 - 3. This is the goal of God in the redemption of mankind, that we be conformed to the image of His Son, [Romans 8:29](#)

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- C. THE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE
 - 1. Abides in the word of Christ, [John 8:31; 14: 23; 2 John 9](#)
 - - It requires one to be a doer of the Word, and not only a hearer, [Matthew 7:21-27; James 1:21-25](#)

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- C. THE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE
 - 2. Loves the brethren, [John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22](#)
 - 3. Bears much fruit, [John 15:8; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15; Romans 7:4](#)
 - - John and Jesus warned against not bearing fruit for God, [Matthew 3:10; John 15:1-2](#)

II. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. **JESUS MUST COME FIRST** – [Luke 14:25-26](#); [Matthew 6:33](#)
 - 1. Before anyone else, including members of our own family – [Matthew 10:34-37](#)
 - 2. Even before one's self – [Luke 9:23-25](#)

II. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

- B. **WILLING TO SUFFER FOR JESUS**
 - 1. Taking up our own cross to follow Him – [Luke 14:27](#)
 - 2. Trying to live godly lives in an ungodly world, we may find that following Christ sometimes involves ridicule and persecution – [2 Timothy 3:12](#)

II. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

- C. **FORSAKING ALL TO FOLLOW JESUS**
 - 1. Having counted the cost – [Luke 14:28-33](#)
 - 2. Nothing can take precedence over Him and His Will for us

III. MAKING DISCIPLES

- A. God **Calls** the Lost with Gospel Teaching, [John. 6:44-45](#); [Romans 10:8-13, 14-17](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:13-14](#)
 - 1. Hear and learn from the Father by hearing the word of God

III. MAKING DISCIPLES

- B. Make **Disciples** by Gospel Preaching, [Acts 2:14, 22, 36, 40](#)
 - 1. Teach what must be done with the words commanded by God; the word of the gospel, [Acts 10:5-6, 22, 33](#); [11:14](#); [15:7](#)
 - 2. Preaching saves those who believe, [1 Corinthians 1:21](#)
 - 3. It is God's will that the gospel is preached, [Acts 16:9-10](#)

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- C. Make Disciples **by Baptizing Believers**, [Matthew 28:19](#)
 - 1. Water **Baptism** is **Essential**:
 - a) For a relationship with God, [Matthew 28:19](#) ([Galatians 3:27](#))
 - b) For salvation, [Mark. 16:16](#) ([1 Peter 3:21](#))
 - c) For remission of sins, [Acts 2:38](#)
 - d) For cleansing, [Acts 22:16](#)
 - e) For new life in Christ, [Romans 6:3-4](#)

CONCLUSION

- 1. One cannot become a disciple unless he hears and obeys the word of God.
- 2. We must go into the world, preaching the gospel, baptizing those who believe in order to make disciples, [Matthew 28:19](#); [Mark 16:15-16](#)