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What does making disciples of Jesus include?

- Making sure you yourself are a disciple
- Engage people intentionally
- Teach people what Jesus said
- Love souls
- Be careful of cloning ourselves – a slow process, soil – how are we cultivating soil that seed is growing in
- Ask, “ Why do we want to make disciples?”
 1. Commanded
 2. Why would we want to follow Jesus? (Establishing Value)
- Learning under God to follow Jesus – then helping others to follow Jesus
- Share gospel with them

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What does making disciples of Jesus include? – cont.

- Trust/allow Spirit to work w/ seed of gospel
- Asking what does God want them to hear/seeking
- Continued growth with it encouragement
- Trust God - obedience
- Acknowledging to be a disciple
- Sense of need and desire for change
- Identify areas that need to be strengthened while we work & watch for work of God to take hold (firm foundation)

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What does making disciples include? Colossians 1:28 - 2:7

- Struggle
- Evidence of dependence in struggle
- Motivating them to do work of building/encouraging
- Striving against what we used to protect/defend from being disciplined
- Point to Christ Himself, not just change behavior
- Protect from wrong doctrine
- Continuing to “own” responsibility for their continued stability and growth in the gospel
- Making your presence & intention felt
- Includes specific goal – knit together in love

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What does making disciples include? Ephesians 3:14, 16-17; 4:14-19

- Being stabilized in love
- First salvation, and then what does it look like for them to come to the completion of Christ
- In order to head this way, must understand love (we struggle, stroke one another, etc. - because so afraid we won't seem loving); therefore pray for growth in love of God
- Rejoicing/thankful in process with them (means noticing image of God, steps of growth)

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What does making disciples include? Galatians 4:10-20

- It includes heartbreak
- At times being seen as an enemy
- Continuing after them – pursuing , vying for affection
- Wrestling for the center of identity
- Proclaiming the gospel necessitates being immersed among them which means prioritizing issues underneath the gospel
- Slow, repetitive, consistent
- You living & showing needs allows platform for gospel focus
- Work of picking through experience, values, and process of adjusting focus from them to The Head (Eph.4:15-16) with patience & love
- Owns their “problems” even while sick & ministering elsewhere

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What does making disciples include? Galatians 6:1-2

- Conscious “living by/with/under the spirit
- Restore with spirit of gentleness
 - What you see can also be seen in you
 - Standard that must be adhered to, and returned to
 - Personal responsibility for souls – Ezek. 33, watchmen
- Not an option to walk by spirit
- If it is a burden, we bear it
- Three warnings against pride (5:26, 6:1, 6:3) tied together in the same battle against flesh for fellowship of the spirit
- Includes “seeing what is wrong” from a spiritual context – then get involved
- Sin must be dealt with in healthy fellowship in church with head of the church (Christ)

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What does making disciples include? Galatians 6:1-2 (Cont.)

- What if they don't want to work?
 - Love calls professing Christians to hold the line, to take their part (Heb. 40, I Cor. 12)
 - Gal. 6:9-10, God gets glory when we care for each, taking their part
 - Recognize they have not seen it

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What does making disciples include? Hebrews 10:22-26

- Includes daily routine of examining soul for separation from God (i.e. Start with God)
- Completely trust the faithfulness of God to His promises
- Great danger is forgiven but continuing in willful sin – if examine, more willful than we realize
- Tie between us wavering in unbelief & how we minister to other's souls
- We must include other's examining our actions/"motivations"
- V. 22 – Drawing near ourselves is foundation for work in other's lives

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What does making disciples include? 1 Peter 1:15-2:5

- Reminding that your redemption is secure because bought with Jesus' blood
- Someone drowning, inability to stop sinning, in God's eyes or "their" eyes

- We don't have to make up what God wants because we have His enduring word
- When we have different opinions & values of what is important & how to live
- v.22 calling to obedience to the truth
- Goal of purified souls that results in how you love others redeemed
- v.17 feel like an exile/outsider (Eph.2:19) on earth

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What would be some of the inhibitors to us cultivating this germ of following Jesus ourselves and helping others follow Jesus in the church?

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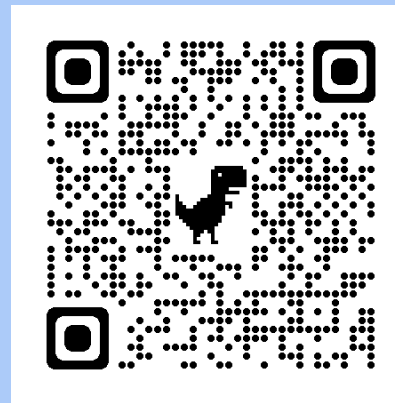
How would following Jesus deal with these inhibitors?

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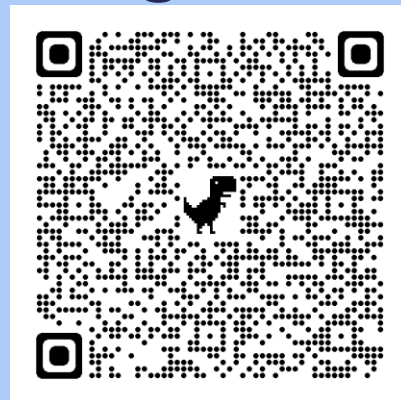
What do we need to do to strengthen this germ/root of following Jesus in our lives individually and as a church?

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- 1. Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians?**
by: Brett McCracken Gospel Coalition

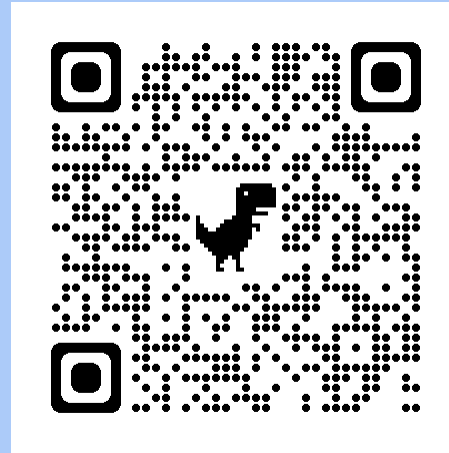


- 2. BCC Classic: Five Indicators of a Healthy and Transforming Soul Care Ministry**
by: Garrett Higbee



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3. Five Reasons We Don't Disciple (Part 1)



4. Five Reasons We Don't Disciple (Part 3)



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Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of **discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions**? (What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?)

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5. What is the Mission of the Church by: AJ Gibson



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Underlying Assumptions/Goals in Adult SS for church as whole:

- 1. We must shift our focus from personal maturity and growth to building healthy churches.**
- 2. We must focus on the roots, not merely the fruit.**

“SKELETON AND FLESH OF THE CHURCH” APPLIED PT. 9

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IF we do NOTHING else together, the Collective People of God must:

- I. Worship God Together.** Romans 15:5-6
- II. Grow Individually and Corporately with a Growth that Comes from God.** Eph. 4:15-16
- III. Protect/Defend the Name of God—His character and Eternal Purposes.** II Tim. 1:13-14
- IV. Own the People in the Particular Expression of the Body of Christ where God has Placed you.** I Cor. 12:18, Eph. 4:16
- V. Spread the Glory of God** Hab. 2:14, I Pet. 2:9

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We have looked at public worship services, relationships, growth, culture, now finally, What would need to be lifted up/allowed if want to build healthy churches with strong roots in **faithful service**?

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Through the lens of these two goals, what were some of the changes hoped for by intentionally changing the goals during our *Future Grace* study leading to an 8 year study of that book? (longer studies over the years preceding)

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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

Philippians 1:27

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² **make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Philippians 2:1-2