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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

**Specific Goal:** present every individual complete in Christ; each encouraged, knit together in love, attaining to all wealth that comes from the full assurance of a true knowledge of Christ

**Includes:** struggle, making your presence and intention felt, correction, teaching, protect against false doctrine, wisdom to give specific path for growth for each

**Means:** striving according to His power which mightily works within me.

### Ephesians 3:14, 16-17; 4:13-19

**Specific Goal:** unity of the faith, maturity (growing up in all aspects into Christ, the Head of the body)

**Includes:** each member contributing to this growth as they take their place speaking truth to each other toward this end

**Means:** strengthened with power through His Spirit so Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and rooted and grounded in fullness of God's love, filled to fullness of God

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### Galatians 4:10-20

**Specific Goal:** My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you

**Includes:** heartbreak; at times being considered the enemy; pursuing them and vying for their affection; being immersed among them (not just speaking at them) which necessitates prioritizing issues that come up—examining values, experiences, and seeking to change focus; engaging what examine

### Galatians 6:1-2

**Specific Goal:** pursuing, bearing burdens with, and restoring those “**caught in any trespass**”

**Includes:** being aware of soul condition of those around you and getting involved with what see; watching own life in responses to God, them, and goals of fulfilling law of Christ; recognize that they might not see what you see and deal with all that is between what you and they see

**Means:** **you who are spiritual** (not fleshly—means dealing w flesh in own life); **spirit of gentleness** (coming from humility of recognizing own weakness/sin/vulnerabilities)

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### Hebrews 10:21-26

**Specific Goal:** hold fast confession of our hope without wavering; stimulate one another to love and good deeds

**Includes:** not forsaking assembling together, encouraging to remember our position of being made righteous (no further sacrifice) and treasure of fellowship; daily examination our soul/their soul for all that separates from God; showing weakness of all other sources of identity and stability

**Means:** the faithfulness of Christ, our great high priest who brings us to God;

### I Peter 1:15 - 2:5

**Specific Goal:** Be holy as God is holy

**Includes:** fervently love other believers from the heart by obeying 2:1 (get rid of deceit, envy, etc.) and craving the pure milk of the Word—teaching others to do the same

**Means:** conduct yourselves in fear (remembering who God is [holy] and what He bought you with [God blood]); believe in God's means of making you holy—Jesus' life, death, resurrection; trust the Word of God that brings this salvation to you and continues to work in your life

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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?**

- Time (busy lives) can't connect with others because of schedules
- Humility – Phil. 2 – thinking of others higher (find out about what you see and be willing for things to get a little awkward)
- World perspective (i.e. Eph. 6:12) Our struggle is not against flesh & blood...
- i.e. What is our greatest struggle – often not an Eph. 6:12 struggle
- So many competing visions/agendas – even what you DO for Jesus
- 1 Cor. 10:31 all to glory of God – must reflect how He is glorified in the mundane – if we don't do this for ourselves then won't for them

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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?**

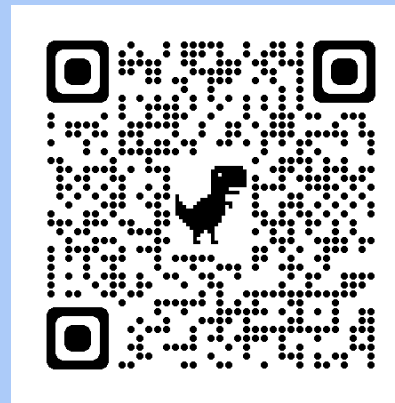
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**How do we cross the bridge of them not wanting help?**

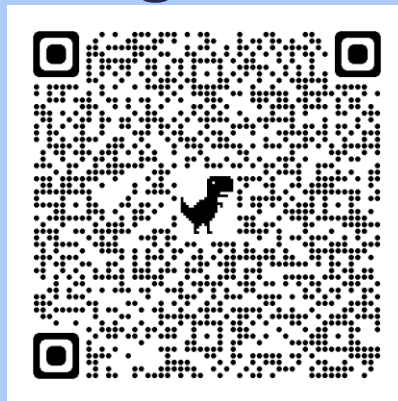
- More than one tool (ie. listen for what else they say/do)
- With God's love and word
- Not pull out completely (evangelism can't stop because they don't want it or want you)
- Different ways of continuing than just pushing issues

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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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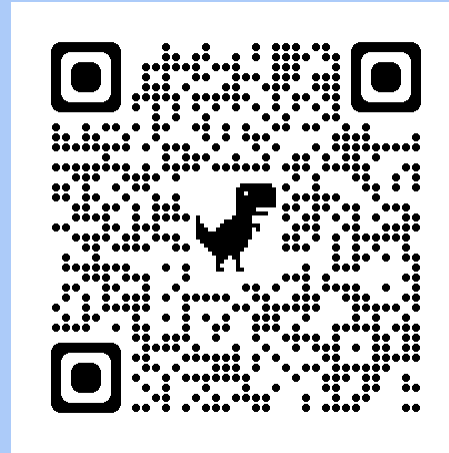
**Respond to “Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians?” article**

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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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**Respond to “Five Reasons We Don’t Disciple Pt. 1” article**

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**Respond to “Five Reasons We Don’t Disciple Pt. 3” article**

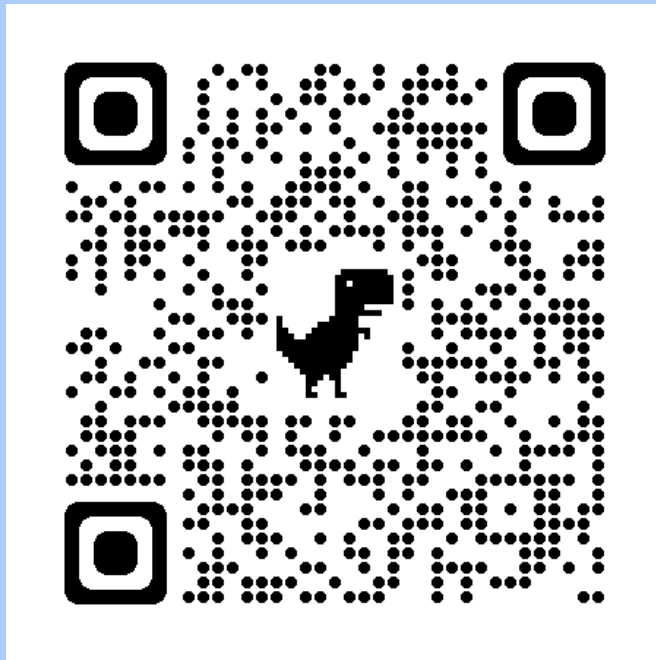


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Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of **discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions**? (What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?)

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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

CBC, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

**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, <sup>2</sup> **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