

The Discipleship Game Plan

Whether you're taking a class, doing a job, or raising a family, success begins with defining what it means to WIN. For Christians, "winning" isn't just going to church, being more religious, or even "becoming a better person." It's making disciples of Jesus Christ, period. But what is a disciple? And how do we make them? In the New Testament, Jesus and the first Christians left us a discipleship game plan, and everyone - from brand-new believers to life-long Christians - has a part to play in it. Throughout this series, you'll discover new ways that you can win people for Jesus Christ, so join The Story every Sunday in August as we explore the X's and O's of making disciples.

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The WIN =

2 Timothy 2:1-2 - You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things *you* have heard *me* say in the presence of many witnesses entrusted to *reliable people* who will also be qualified to teach *others*.

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Today, we'll focus on three concepts of discipleship:

CONCEPT #1 - PEOPLE OVER PROGRAMS

It may seem crazy, but people can go through all the discipleship programs in the world, but never make disciples. **How is this possible?**

Discipleship doesn't happen in a classroom, it happens in everyday life, wherever God has given you access to speak into others. **Where is God calling you to disciple others?**

CONCEPT #2 - STARTS SMALL THEN MULTIPLY

John 6:66-69 - From this time *many of his disciples turned back* and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked *the Twelve*. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Jesus' desire is for all to be saved, yet he didn't spend all of His time preaching to the crowds. **How does Jesus's (and Paul's) strategy of starting small and focusing on a few end up having the greatest kingdom impact long term?**

PRINCIPLE #3 - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

2 Corinthians 5:20 - We are therefore *Christ's ambassadors*, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We often assume it's the job of pastors to do the disciple making, yet God has chosen you to be Christ's ambassador. **Who is one person that God has given you access to speak into their life? What is stopping you from discipling them?**

What stands out to you from Ryan's Story?

Make your own discipleship tree:

(Who is mentoring you) _____

(Your Name) _____

(Who is God leading you to speak into)

How is God calling you to respond?



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