

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, January 10, 2015

Sermon: Follow Me - Making Disciples

Key Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

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16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. (Mark 1:16-19 ESV)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

What must I know to succeed as a discipler of others?

A. God's grace is the power behind God's plan

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV)

B. Persist in the mission.

3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:3ESV)

C. Focus on the prize.

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (1 Timothy 2:4 ESV)

13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14 ESV)

D. Prepare to start and finish well.

5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. (1 Timothy 2:5 ESV)

E. The pay off is worth it.

6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (2 Timothy 2:6-7 ESV)