

Committed to Discipleship

We are always making “disciples” of something... What are you discipling?

¹ One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” ⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. **Luke 5 1-11 NLT**

Peter is wrecked over his life and Jesus invites him to a life changing relationship: To follow Jesus and be His disciple

As a Disciple of Jesus, we will push out and cast deeper.

1. BE A DISCIPLE

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. **Acts 2:14 NLT**

²² “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene²² by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³ But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴ But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. **Acts 2:22-24 NLT**

³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you

will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away³⁹—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” ⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. **Acts 2:38-41 NLT**

Because of his obedience and boldness, about 3000 people were saved.

Peter and the other apostles must do something with all these people. They decide to do the same thing that Jesus did with them.

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper) and to prayer. **Acts 2:42 NLT**

2. MAKE DISCIPLES

For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. **Acts 4:36 NLT**

*Barnabas - just a guy who saw what happened, believed in Jesus, and became a disciple under Peter.

3. KEEP MAKING DISCIPLES

²⁶ When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! ²⁷ Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. **Acts 9:26-27 NLT**

Barnabas was a disciple of Peter. Barnabas spent a year with Paul. Will you be a Barnabas?

NEXT STEPS:

1. If you are not following Jesus, you cannot be a disciple. -
2. If you are a follower of Jesus, go make disciples.
 - a. Pursue God
 - b. If you can have a conversation, you can make a disciple.
 - c. Engage. Establish. Empower.