

Week 3: Passing on the Faith Through Intentional Discipleship

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Introduction

- Every Christian is called to be both a disciple and a disciple maker.
- Discipleship happens in our homes, friendships, workplaces, and communities.
- The goal of discipleship is transformation—a change in beliefs, values, and lifestyle, not just knowledge.

Jesus: The Ultimate Disciple Maker

- Jesus invited people to sit at His feet, regardless of their past.
- Examples: Mary Magdalene, Peter, Matthew.
- He modeled intentional relationships, preparing His followers for the Great Commission (Matt 28:18–20).

The Early Church Example

- In Acts, disciples carried out Jesus' command through the power of the Spirit.
- Barnabas welcomed Saul when others were afraid (Acts 9:26–27).
- Discipleship is an intentional act of engaging, equipping, and walking alongside others.

Discipleship at the Table

- The table represents our time and relationships.
- Conversations around the table shape values and model Christ.
- Everyone has a "table" that includes children, new believers, friends, and neighbors.
- We disciple others by inviting them in, connecting, and walking with them.

Lessons from Scripture

- David (2 Samuel 19:8): Led by example, connecting with people outside the palace.
- Jacob and Esau (Gen 33:13–14): Disciple at a pace others can handle, meet people where they are.
- Transformation takes time. Discipleship grows with patience and care.

Practical Application

- Discipleship is not just a church department; it begins at home and in daily life.
- Our actions, words, and behavior model Jesus to those around us.
- Be open to God using your life experiences to reach others.
- Sometimes those God places at your table will not look like people you expect.

Questions for Self-Evaluation

- Can I make room at the table for those I disagree with?
- Am I teaching my children to welcome people who are different from us?
- Am I obedient when God prompts me to speak or build a relationship?
- Have I filled my life so full that I have no time to be intentional with others?
- If God brings someone to my table, am I prepared to disciple them?

Let's Discuss

- What does it look like to "make room at the table" for someone different from you?
- How can we prepare those we disciple to welcome people who may not think, act, or live like we do?
- What might you need to remove from your "table of time" to be more intentional?
- What tools or support do you find most helpful for discipling someone new in the faith?
- How has God used your past experiences to equip you to reach others?

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