



BE THE BODY MULTIPLICATION

SPIRITUAL OUTCOME DEFINED

Intentionally seeks to make disciples of Jesus, training them to follow Him in all of life, and equipping them to turn around and do the same for others.

SPIRITUAL OUTCOME DESCRIBED

As disciples of Jesus, our primary purpose is to know and enjoy Jesus and experience fellowship with Him to the fullest! The beautiful byproduct of this intimate relationship is that we get to invite others to follow Him in the way we have experienced and equip them to go out and do the same.

As an apprentice to Jesus, you get to participate in making more disciples. A Christ-follower multiplies oneself in order to help develop more and more disciples of Jesus. It's one who joins the Apostle Paul in saying, "follow my example as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1) and, "what you have seen me do, do that with others who will do that with others" (2 Tim. 2:2, paraphrased). Why is this necessary? Because this is the means by which God spreads His Kingdom in the world. As Jesus said Himself, "very truly, I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). Notice that Jesus doesn't separate the believer from the practitioner. He says that those who believe *will* do the things He has done. More mind-blowing than this is that He says they will do *greater* things than He did! How is this possible? Because Jesus is no longer limited by His earthly body. His life, death and resurrection have happened and *is* the powerful Message we receive and proclaim. This is why we will do greater things than Jesus, because we have the Message and means of salvation He accomplished. And, He is now *with* us and *in* us through the Holy Spirit to help us deliver this message. The door to the Kingdom is now wide open and Jesus is ushering people into His Kingdom through those He now dwells in. Those who know and follow Jesus know the beauty of this Message and live to share the grace they have received, as Jesus beautifully explained, "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matt. 10:8).

"The Christian life is a process of better understanding what Jesus taught, learning to apply that teaching in our everyday lives, and then teaching others-people directly around us and people on the other side of the globe-to do the same."

- Francis Chan

Here is why multiplication is so significant: If you were to introduce one person to Jesus every month for the next twenty years, you would have led 240 individuals to Christ. This is the principle of addition. But, if you were to simply disciple 20 believers so that they, in turn, would share the Message and disciple 20 others, generation after generation, **many thousands** would come to know and follow Christ as a result!

You don't have to do this alone, nor are you meant to. We can't be disciples in isolation, we need the support of the body of Christ. We need a Paul (one further along in the faith to lead us), a Timothy (one we can lead), and one or 2 Barnabases (running partners who can support and encourage us in our faith).

We also know from the kinds of people Jesus called to follow Him (fishermen and tax collectors) that we don't have to be Biblical scholars to make disciples. He equips us with what we need to do it. Jesus used ordinary, uneducated people to train others. The only prerequisites for discipling others is that you know the God of scripture, are committed to growing in knowledge, trust, and obedience, and are willing to be an ambassador for Christ for the sake of others coming to know Him. We plant and water the seeds, but it is God who does the real work of bringing the growth.

EVIDENCE OF THIS SPIRITUAL OUTCOME IN A PERSON'S LIFE

- Is continually seeking to multiply oneself through intentionally guiding others in how to follow Christ.
- Is seeing one's disciples personally putting into practice the things they are learning about following Jesus.
- Has an intentional and holistic plan to guide people in following Christ.
- Has the support of a Paul (mentor) and one or two Barnabases (running partners).

GUIDANCE

Read each passage multiple times. Then write your observations about the passage and any thoughts you have from the discernment question. What do you notice in the passage, and what does this reveal about your life?

MATTHEW 5:14-16

Observations:

Discernment Question: Jesus says that *we* are the light of the world. Do you allow your light to be seen in the world around you? Are you hiding under a basket or living in such a way that others are seeing Jesus in you in every sphere of life? How might you allow the light of Jesus shine all the more through you?

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Observations:

Discernment Question: What do you find exciting about this command? What is challenging about it? What's one new thing you could start to do to live this out?

MARK 1:17

Observations:

Discernment Question: Jesus took what these fisherman were familiar with and made it new, teaching them what He knew so He could send them back into their contexts with His message. How have you seen Jesus do that in your own life? How have you been able to take the message of Jesus into your own life and context? How might Jesus be inviting you to be a fisher of men right where you are?

LUKE 24:46-49

Observations:

Discernment Question: This work of multiplication is not for us to do alone. In what ways have you learned to depend on the Holy Spirit to do Kingdom work? In what new ways would you like to develop this partnership with the Spirit?

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

Observations:

Discernment Question: Does your life reflect this attitude and posture? Are you following Jesus in such a way that you can say "follow me as I follow Christ" to others? What enables you to say this or what needs to change in your life that you can and want to say this?

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Observations:

Discernment Question: What do you think it means to be an effective ambassador for a country or organization? What would it look like to bring the ministry of reconciliation as an ambassador of Christ to those in your life?

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Observations:

Discernment Question: How are you multiplying your life by raising up others to raise up others?

1 PETER 3:16

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you know how to clearly explain the gospel? Do you know how to answer common questions about your faith? Do you know how to share your own faith story? If not, what could you do to strengthen yourself in this area?

NEXT STEPS

What are practical next steps you will do based on what you have discovered in this survey of Scripture about multiplication? Include insights offered from others in your Life Group that could be applied in your own life, as well.

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:19-20, NIV

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

2 Timothy 2:2, NIV

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."



BE THE BODY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

THE MISSING KEY- TONY EVANS

Listening Outline- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeCUBMkXAIM&t=696s>

There is a missing key in our culture and in the church:

The authority of Jesus:

The concept of discipleship:

A disciple in the Bible:

To be a disciple of Jesus is to be a replica of Jesus:

One of the failures of Evangelicalism:

The process of discipleship is the process of authority transfer:

To be a Kingdom disciple:

Three-fold method of carrying out discipleship:

Go:

Baptize:

Teach them:

Be a Kingdom disciple:

Discussion questions:

Do you view yourself as a Christian *and* a disciple? Or, do you consider yourself a Christian, but not yet a disciple of Jesus? What is the evidence in your life, one way or the other?

What roles do you play in your life? Wife, son, sister, boss, dad, roommate, executive assistant, etc.? How are you looking like a replica of Jesus in these roles? How might you begin to replicate Jesus even more in these roles?

To what extent have you experienced the authority transfer of Jesus in your life and context? What has enabled that or what has hindered this authority in your life?

After listening to this, are you experiencing a tug in the direction of Kingdom disciple-making? If so, where and how?



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It's important to reemphasize that, as disciples of Jesus, our primary purpose is to know and enjoy Jesus and fellowship with Him to the fullest! The beautiful byproduct of this intimate relationship is that we get to invite others to follow Him in the way we have experienced and equip them to go and do the same.

The question now is, what next? How do we practically take what we've learned in our relationships with Jesus and go spread it?

Step One: Begin where you are-

God has given you specific skills, specific roles and specific spheres of influence that you might be a replica of Jesus right where you are.

List the various areas of influence you currently operate in:

(This could be your co-workers, those you serve with or lead at church, the neighbors on your street, the moms of your son's classmates, the stay-at-home dad's Facebook group you're active in, your running club, etc.)

Step Two: Invite Jesus in-

Talk with God and ask Him where He wants you to share and lead others in what it means to follow Him. Write out your prayer here:

Step Three: Dream big-

What would it look like to begin the process of making disciples in your area of influence? What would you want to see happen with Jesus' help?

Step Four: Make a plan-

Write out a step-by-step plan on how you want to walk this out:

(ex. 1. Invite Jane, Nancy, and Laura out for coffee 2. Ask if they would be interested in meeting regularly together for more in-depth conversation 3. Come up with questions that would open up conversation about faith and Jesus, etc.)

Step Five: Pray

Pray by name for those you want to disciple and ask God to specifically move in their hearts and prepare them to meet or grow in Jesus.

Step Six: Accountability-

Invite your group to keep you accountable or pick one person in your life to ask you how it's going and keep you on track. List the people or person here:

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