

Lesson 17 – Multiplication (Making Disciples)

Introduction

The mission of Jesus was not only to gather followers but to make disciples who would, in turn, make disciples. Multiplication is at the heart of the Great Commission. Evangelism brings people to Christ, but discipleship grows them in Christ so they can help others do the same. True discipleship is generational; it passes on what we've received. This lesson teaches the principle of multiplication and challenges every believer to see themselves as both a disciple *and* a disciple-maker.

Teaching Session

1. The Multiplication Principle

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.

- Paul → Timothy → reliable people → others (4 generations in one verse).
 - Discipleship is never meant to stop with us.
 - Reproduction ensures the gospel reaches beyond one life or one generation.
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2. The Great Commission Revisited

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.

- The command is to *make disciples*, not just converts.
 - Teaching obedience is as important as baptism and evangelism.
 - Multiplication is fueled by Christ's presence and authority.
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3. Modeling and Mentorship

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

- Discipleship is caught as much as it is taught.
 - A disciple-maker lives in a way others can imitate.
 - Mentorship is intentional; walking with others, not just instructing.
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4. Accountability and Growth

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Disciples grow best in community, not isolation.
 - Accountability keeps disciples focused and fruitful.
 - Multiplication requires encouragement, consistency, and fellowship.
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5. Bearing Much Fruit

John 15:8 (NIV)

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- Fruitfulness in discipleship glorifies God.
 - A true disciple bears fruit in character (Galatians 5:22–23) and in multiplication (making new disciples).
 - Multiplication is the natural outcome of abiding in Christ.
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Study & Discussion Questions

1. What does 2 Timothy 2:2 teach us about the importance of generational discipleship?
2. How is making disciples different from simply leading people to Christ?
3. Who has modeled discipleship for you, and how did their example impact your faith?
4. Why is accountability an essential part of multiplying disciples?
5. What steps can you take this month to intentionally invest in someone else's spiritual growth?

Application & Reflection

- **Memory Verse:** *“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.”* (2 Timothy 2:2, NIV)
 - **Personal Reflection:** Identify one person God has placed in your life who you could begin intentionally discipling. Pray for them by name and write down one next step you can take to invest in them.
 - **Group Activity:** Each person shares the name of one person they can disciple. Commit as a group to pray for these people regularly, and set check-ins to encourage each other in the disciple-making journey.
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