

## Introduction / Overview

In Matthew 28:18-20, what did Jesus say we are to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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Was this a suggestion or a command? \_\_\_\_\_

Are we at Crosspointe doing it? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a disciple? \_\_\_\_\_

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What's the difference between a disciple and a convert? \_\_\_\_\_

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In Colossians 1:28-29, what was Paul's goal? \_\_\_\_\_

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The three components of Balanced Discipleship are? \_\_\_\_\_

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The results of discipleship are? \_\_\_\_\_

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Spiritual Infants don't \_\_\_\_\_

How many generations of disciples are listed in 2 Timothy 2:2? \_\_\_\_\_

***And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses,  
commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

Think of the discipleship curriculum as **“building a house”**. You don’t begin building a house by picking out the carpet or the curtains. You begin with plans and laying the foundation. If the foundation is not carefully crafted, the house may fall – even if it has pretty paint and working appliances.

These Christian principles are to be **“caught” by the disciple – not “taught” by the discipler**. Be aware of talking and telling too much. Learn to ask lots of questions, so that the disciple has to think deeply about spiritual principles. Also have the disciple / mentee read and participate as much as possible. However, don’t hesitate to share how God is working in your life, so they can see that if God helped you in your situation, then He can be trusted with their situation, and so forth.

If you have a seemingly **knowledgeable disciple**, you may be tempted to skip lessons or jump around. We have been amazed at the “gaps in understanding” of people who have attended church for a long time, as they especially may “know” a lot and have “heard” a lot – but have difficulty in applying biblical principles that are critical to their victorious Christian life. Christ doesn’t want Christians just to survive – but to thrive! If their understanding seems to be on target, then you can move faster, but don’t skip lessons, as the goal would be for that person to also be able to spiritually mentor others, and if they observe that model from you - that it is okay to rush and skip parts of the curriculum - then they may not be as effective in mentoring others.

Remember that the **goal of the discipleship process is NOT marching through the material quickly, but spiritual growth on the part of the disciple** (and usually the discipler also!). Growth is slow and takes time. It’s not about how many pages you go through each meeting, but whether they REALLY make Him Lord – and then abide daily with Him.

A new believer may get excited about studying prophecy or end times or other “exciting” topics before they are habitually reading their Bible and understand how to listen to the Holy Spirit. While you should answer questions and go wherever the Spirit leads the discussion, **gently bring conversations “back to the basics”**.

VERSIONS OF SCRIPTURE: DTI uses the **Holman**, which is a balance of word-for-word and thought-for-thought translation. (And they didn’t charge to use their translation). Note that often the entire scripture is not printed in the material. This is to make the important points and keep the conversation on track. We do NOT believe in “proof texting” where you use part of a verse to prove your point. We encourage you and your disciple to look up verses in their Bible or compare other versions to help clarify points where they are struggling to understand and also to read the verses before and after – in other words, to read the rest of the chapter in context and so forth.

You can encourage the disciple to re-read the scriptures and the lesson as part of their quiet time with the Lord, as well.