

TEACH: Jesus Builds

Intro

Our theme this year is GO FIRST! Last year we learned how to REACH the lost, the broken and the hurting. This year we will build upon that foundation to become people of great faith and boldness. In order to learn how to GO FIRST we must first study the greatest One of them all: Jesus Christ.

Last week we learned how Jesus went FIRST. He was full of radical faith and saw the Samaritan woman and he reached out to her. This week we will learn how Jesus made disciples of all nations. He built the Church by making disciples of all nations. This is our mandate too!

1. Make Disciples

KEY THEME VERSE: Matthew 28:19, *“Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*

A Disciple is a student and follower of Christ. A disciple is *motivated* to be a student of Jesus. This is not passive learning but a *determined* study and surrender to Jesus' words.

Through this discipleship, understanding will come to the student of Jesus' truth, authority and love. This comes from intimacy with Christ through spending time with Him and allowing Him to lead, guide and as needed correct and refine you.

Who Are You Following?

- The Disciples went where Jesus went. They heard and watched what He taught.
- **In order to catch what Jesus is saying we need to place ourselves where He is.**
- We do this through
 - Personal time in prayer, Bible study and worship.
 - Attending our Local Church.
 - Attending Life Connect and Bible School.

A disciple is not greater than Jesus. A disciple should be like Jesus and obey His commands. Let's look at how Jesus taught His disciples through the story of the five loaves and two fishes.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 14:14-21,

*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. **15** When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." **16** But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." **17** And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." **18** He said, "Bring them here to Me." **19** Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. **20** So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. **21** Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

Jesus GOES FIRST:

- Vs 14, "Jesus went" He is our example of GOING FIRST.
- Vs14b. "He saw" and "He was moved by compassion"
 - Jesus is demonstrating His heart for the people around Him.
 - **He was willing to see and willing to do.** (His faith in action)
 - Point to ponder
 - What are you willing to see and do?
 - What moves you with compassion is an indication of where Jesus wants you to GO and be the light.
- Vs 14c, "Healed the sick"
 - Jesus' compassion led to Him healing the sick. He sees their need and He demonstrates the love and power of God through healing.
 - Point to ponder
 - What do you do when you see someone in need or sick?

Jesus Teaches the Disciples.

- Vs 15, What the Disciples saw: People in need and the answer was to send them away to feed themselves.
- Vs 16, What Jesus saw: People in need, and the answer was a miracle found through His Disciples.
 - The Disciples' faith wasn't ready for what Jesus asked them to do. So Jesus showed them how to do it. He demonstrates so that we may learn.
- Vs17, What the Disciples saw: Their lack.
- Vs 18-19, What Jesus saw: A teaching moment for His Disciples and a miracle for the people.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9, “*But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’*”
- Vs 20, The miracle overflow gave an extra 12 baskets for the 12 Disciples to learn from.
- Point to ponder:
 - What stands out to you from the story of Jesus feeding the 5000?

As we learn to be a disciple of Jesus, we should also show others how to be a disciple. **Our life should reflect our great teacher, Jesus.** Just as Jesus put His faith in action to heal the sick and feed the 5000, so too we should put our faith to action. That is how the Church is built. It is not built by one pastor or leader, but through all of us becoming disciples of Jesus and helping new believers to become disciples of Jesus too.

Ask

- Are you challenged by being a follower of Jesus? How so? Why?
- What are some ways that you could demonstrate that you are a disciple of Jesus?

Prayer

- Pray for the hunger to become a radical disciple of Jesus.
- Pray for a release of hunger, revelation and direction as they read God’s Word, pray and worship.
- Pray for salvation of the lost and disciples to be added to the Church of God.
- Pray for the upcoming **LIFE CONNECT Bread of Life or Prayer Walk** on Saturday 1 April.

Action

- This week, look for opportunities to GO and put your faith in action so that your friends, family or coworkers can be inspired by God and become disciples of Jesus.
 - Ask God to give revelation of what you should do and do it!
- On Saturday 1 April we will have our **LIFE CONNECT Bread of Life or Prayer Walk**.