

Disciple: Be One. Make Some.

Week 2: Make Some

Introduction:

- A. We live in a world full of expectations. For example, our boss, spouse, parent, teacher and coach, all have certain expectations for us.
- B. In many cases, we know what is expected of us so we set out to meet those expectations, each and every day of our lives.
- C. But then there's Jesus and His expectations of us. We know He has them and in many cases, we know what they are. We just struggle to live up to those expectations. In particular, there is one expectation we seem to struggle with more than any other.

Jesus Expects His Disciples to Make Disciples

- A. Jesus gave His disciples a command to "make disciples" of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20).
- B. We must understand, the Lord is not just asking for us to make disciples, He is commanding us to go and make disciples.
- C. God doesn't want anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9).

The Early Church Lived Out the Mission of Jesus

- A. The book of Acts begins by telling us Peter stood up in the company of about 120 disciples (Acts 1:15).
- B. The early church lived out the mission of Jesus in spreading the Gospel (Acts 8:4; 11:19-21). They just could not help sharing the saving message of the Gospel (Acts 4:18-20).
- C. The results of their actions were that the church grew rapidly (Acts 5:14).

The Great Commission Has Become the Great Omission

- A. Being a disciple requires us to be people who bear much fruit (Jn. 15:8). Have we as a congregation done a good job of fulfilling the Great Commission? Have you as an individual done a good job of obeying the command to make disciples?
- B. Paul had great sorrow and unceasing anguish over the lost (Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1).
- C. Do we have a heart for the lost like that of the apostle Paul?

Conclusion:

- A. If we are to become like Jesus, we must go about seeking and helping save, those who are lost (Lk. 19:10).
- B. Our discipleship hinges on us bearing much fruit (Jn. 15:8). We will be judged by our response to the Great commission (Jn. 15:1-2, 6).
- C. Is your discipleship proven by the fruit you bear?