

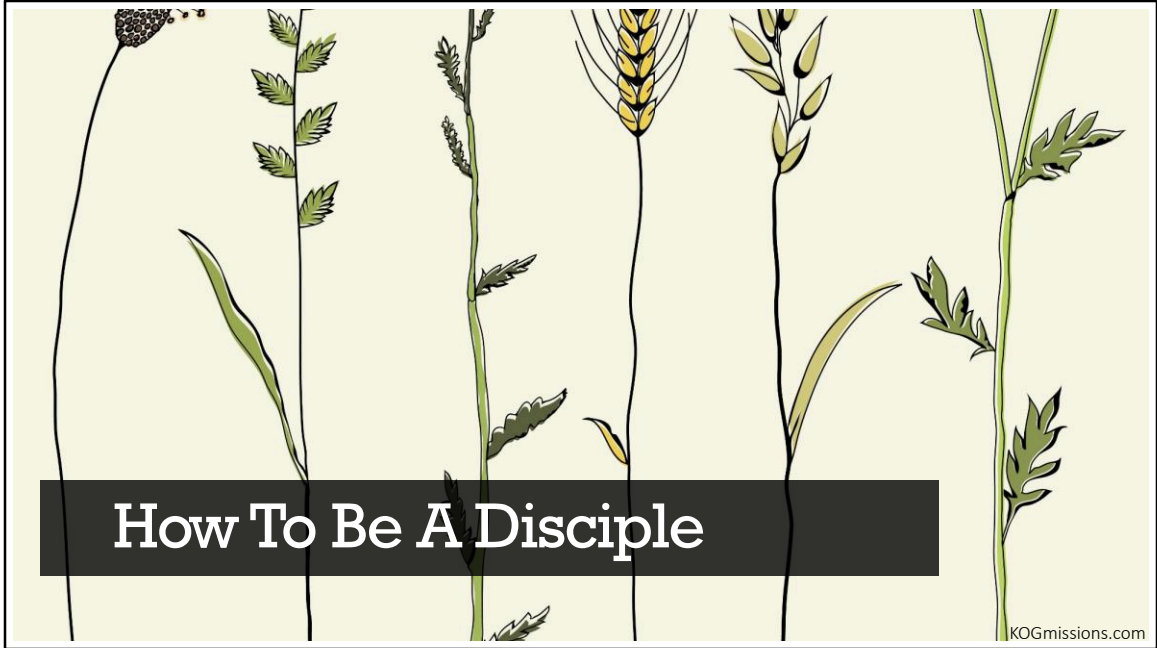


Being a true disciple of Jesus means that we adhere to his teachings (so we need to know what he taught!) It means that we follow him and learn from him and take up his ways. **In short, we learn from him in order to live like him.**

Our words and ways should conform to his.

Acts 26:28-29 Paul persuade Agrippa to become a Christian (whole 26)
Are you prepared to persuade someone as to who Jesus is?

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A good place to start would be in the four gospels since here we see Jesus' life and his teachings.

We should saturate ourselves in his words and his life.

Jesus gave us a higher standard!

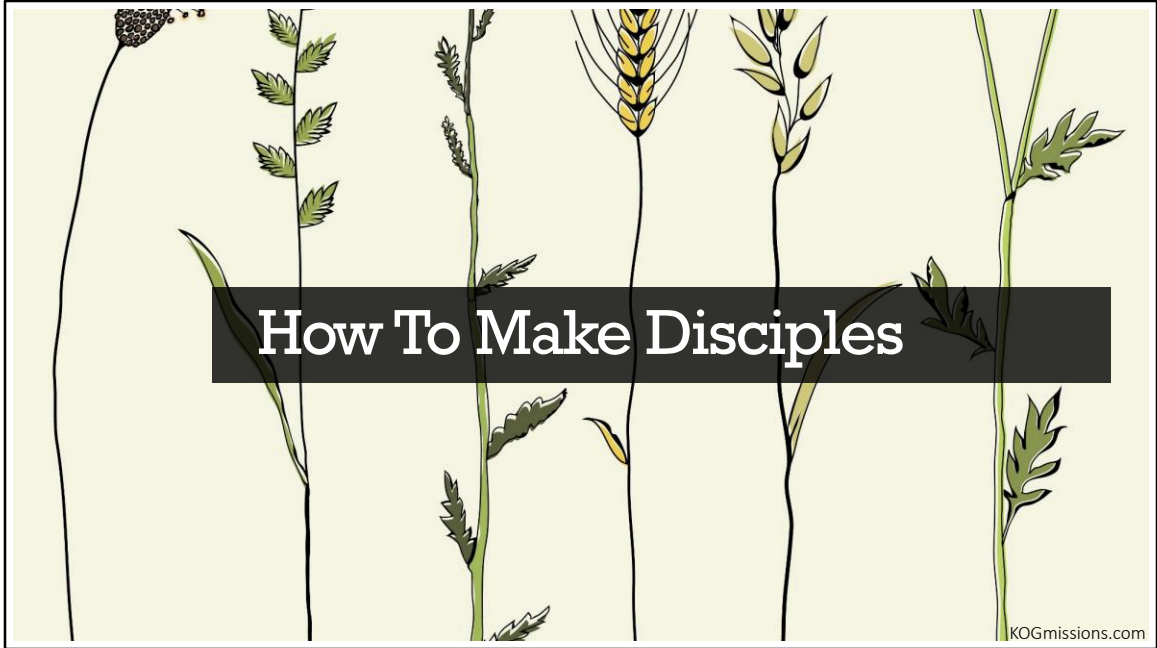


Study and know what Jesus taught – Sermon on the Mount, his interaction with his disciples

What we think/believe should reflect what Jesus taught – line up with it

How we act should reflect how Jesus acted

Can't claim to follow Jesus, but sound and act like the world



John 20:21, 17:18 Just as God sent Jesus, Jesus sends us! (and we are empowered to do this!) (Acts 1:8)

Jesus was given all authority in heaven and on earth - (Matthew 28:18) So since he has this supremacy, **what he says matters!**

Romans 10:14-17 How can people call on the name of the Lord if they do not hear? How can they hear if nobody preaches and how can someone preach if they are not sent? Sent by Jesus...

Jesus said to Go make disciples... We hear this all the time, but how do we do that?



Teach – This is the core of discipleship. **To teach we must do so with WORDS** – the words of Jesus and the words of the Bible

Teaching occurs when you learn to have spiritually meaningful conversations with people (Jesus' examples....lady at well, when children were around him, etc.) In order to do that though, you must talk about spiritual, biblical things amongst yourselves to start

Fine to talk about sports and children, but find ways to bring up sermons, Bible topics, what God's been teaching you lately... You can ask what God has been teaching them... small groups can help too. If we don't do this amongst ourselves, how can we expect to be able to or comfortable with unbelievers?!



Correct – sometimes requires you to warn others about the choices they are making.

Must fear God more than worry about what people think.

Teach truths, correct errors

Discipleship

Teach

Correct

Model
Obedience

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Model – Jesus didn’t command to just teach people, but to teach them to OBEY.

The goal is to make disciples, not just teach. When people heard the preaching, they asked what they needed to do. (Acts 2:37-38)

We must live out the whole Christian life before others. Jesus was the ultimate model. (1 Peter 2:21)

We communicate with our words and our whole lives – People will listen, watch and participate with us

We invest, share, and pray for, not for what we might receive, other than the satisfaction and joy knowing that people are better equipped and prepared for Jesus’ coming

What Should We Be Able To Teach?



If we are going to make disciples, we need to know the information inside and out so it is second nature to speak. (Which is why we need to talk about it amongst ourselves first and ongoing!) This will also give us confidence.

Then we need to be able to share what we know. AGAIN, this comes from talking about it and discussing it amongst ourselves – often! That’s what parents are told to talk and teach about with their children throughout the day and as they travel.

It’s not difficult, but it does take time and effort.

What Should We Be Able To Teach?

Jesus is Coming!

- Reward W/Him
- Resurrection
 - Man is Mortal
- Kingdom of God
 - When
 - Who
 - What
- Be Prepared

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The first thing... simple truth to get people's attention.

Jesus spent his ministry talking about and teaching about God's coming kingdom. He used his last 40 days on the earth to talk about this topic. He wanted to prepare people so they would be ready and not deceived!

If this was of first importance to Jesus, it should be of first importance to us!

Since we are talking about the dead sleeping, men being mortal, and Jesus coming, this will lead into who this Jesus really is.

(HOW can we do this?)

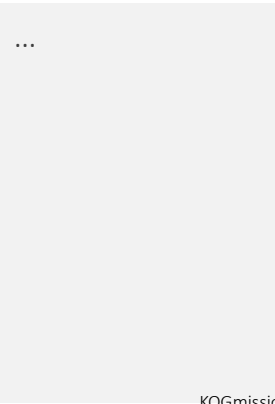
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After Jesus went up into heaven his disciples not only continued teaching and preaching on the kingdom, but now they were proving to people that Jesus was God's Messiah, His Anointed One.

We too need to be able to show and tell people who Jesus really is because false Jesus' are being taught – there are anti-Christ's in the world and there will come one main anti-Christ at the end of the age and people need to know so they won't be deceived.

Teaching who Jesus is will lead into who God is.

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Who is God?

- Father
- Eternal
- Creator
- Gives Power & Authority

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The Father is the only God. He is supreme.

(HOW can we do this?)



Plant the Seed of the Kingdom

- Some will fall beside the road and birds will come
- Some will fall on rocky soil and will dry up
- Some will fall among the thorns and be choked
- Some will fall on good soil and yield a large crop - some 30X, some 60X, some 100X



We can't control what happens to the seed. We can only control if we sow it!



It means that we follow him and learn from him and take up his ways. **We must learn from him in order to live like him, and to show others the way to him.**