

# ***YOU MAKE DISCIPLES***

Disciple Making in Ephesus

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“You make disciples” – two meanings/ two levels of listening.

You make - i.e. (being verb) you be a good disciple - Listening to apply to my own life.

You make – i.e. (action verb) make disciples of others – Sharing that truth with someone else.

Ephesus was a church of disciples

Apollos – a true disciple

A theme of teaching and instruction poured into Apollos and out of him.

Evidence of discipleship

These disciples had *some* understanding but needed more teaching.

Effects of discipleship in Ephesus

- ▣ What we saw in Apollos.
- ▣ Many unusual miracles at the hands of Paul (Ac. 19:11).
- ▣ “The name of the Lord was magnified” (19:17 - KJV).
- ▣ Many set free from witchcraft/ paganism burned their books. (19:19).
- ▣ “The Word of the Lord... increase[ed] and prevail[ed] mightily (19:20).

Paul’s heart for Ephesus

- ▣ An emotional farewell
  - Paul never made it back to Ephesus
  - When he got close (island of Miletus), the church leaders from Ephesus came to visit him
- ▣ Over two years investment
  - Yielded a solid church
  - Led to a deep love and strong bond

## Balanced discipleship brings results

- ▣ A solid foundation and strong church
- ▣ A letter lacking correction
- ▣ Long distance discipleship via this letter

## Ephesians - Redefining understanding of spiritual things relating to Christ

- ▣ A continuation of the Colossian letter's thought that Jesus is the head of the church (the body)
- ▣ Ephesians addresses how Christians relate to Him and each other in the body of Christ
- ▣ Two clear sections
  - Chapters 1-3 Clarifying beliefs about Christ and the church
  - Chapters 4-6 Obligations of members of the Body of Christ resulting from the things in chapters 1-3.

## To the church at 22 Caxambas Dr. Cherokee Village, Arkansas

- ▣ How we are to relate to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior?
- ▣ How we are to relate to one another and function as a single body under His headship?

## Be a disciple.

- ▣ Grow in your understanding of Scripture and how the Lord works.
- ▣ Get involved in group studies, take notes, pay attention. There is plenty of teaching available through VBC – get in on it!
- ▣ Read and study your own Bible on your own... daily.

## Be a disciple – maker.

- ▣ Share the truths you are digesting with the people you know.
- ▣ You ARE a disciple-maker.
- ▣ Look for those God has called you to disciple.