

WORTH THE RISK

Opening: Isaiah, Nessa, Judah...

Picture 1 – Isaiah

Picture 2 – Nessa

Picture 3 – Judah

VIDEO 1 – When Paul says, and I walk into the room and see this...

VIDEO 2 – “For Isaiah He counted the Risk a bit more”

Luke 9:62 ⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Jesus is looking for followers he’s not just looking for fans.

Being a follower of Christ not just fans of Christ

Jesus is commanding us to not only be a disciple but also be a disciple maker!

So, I want to look at this command today from the greatest commission of them all.

Matthew 28: 16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

And I believe we are going to discover what it means to be a follower of Christ and not just somebody in the vicinity or not merely a fan!

If you are Christian today you also belong to another kingdom!

Biblical Discipleship: is the cultivation of kingdom people. The process of the body of believers to bring Christians from **spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they can replicate the process in someone else!**

The Goal for God is to have Men and women who have been developed over time into proper representatives of the kingdom of which they are apart.

On the 40 days between Jesus resurrection and ascension on a cloud to heaven...
He Called A Meeting...

It is the only scheduled meeting in that 40-day period recorded in scripture, as a scheduled meeting.

Now he had many meetings but none scheduled.

This meeting was so important that he had to designate the time and location for the meeting to take place!

According to

Matthew 28:16 it says,

But the eleven Disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain, which Jesus had designated.

So it was a defined designated meeting in Galilee at the sight of a mountain to meet the risen Lord. It said the eleven had meet him there

According to

I Corinthians 15:6

He appeared to more than 500 brethren at one time, most of who remain until now,

The eleven are at the meeting so that gets us about 489 that are at the meeting.

So, we have one group the 11 and then we have the bigger group the 489 but then there is a third Group at the meeting because.

Matthew 28:20 says

“ And lo, I will be with you always even to the end of the age

Well the age has not ended yet so you and I are at the meeting, so why don't we all come gather up the mountain,

Since we have been invited to the meeting, since we in the age that the meeting applies! Find out what the meeting is all about, since it is relevant to us today

Jesus calls this meeting as the risen Lord,

And then look it says after they gathered they worship him,

It goes on to say when they saw him the risen Christ – tag line some were doubtful...

verse 17 some were doubtful.

So it says they came and they worshipped him they celebrated the risen Christ even with their question marks even though some were doubtful they sang their songs they prayed their prayers and then it came time for the sermon!

So Jesus Christ stands up cause he preaching today and then in verse 18 he utters these Words,

ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. ”

Translation I'm in Charge now!

ALL authority **NOT** some **NOT** many but **ALL** authority has been handed to me up there and down here in heaven and on earth he says I'm in charge now It's not just about God now it's about Jesus!

Therefore, Jesus says Go and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit.

He says I want you to make disciples, make disciples is an imperative it's not a request it's not a suggestion it's a command.

He says I command you to make disciples and I want you to do that **using 3 participles: Going, Baptizing and Teaching**

Whenever you have an **imperative make disciples** orbited by three participles the **participles give you the method for accomplishing the imperative**

The imperative is making more disciples!

But everything revolves around making disciples so we must ask the question **what is a disciple?**

The word disciple in the Greek text is pronounced **MATHETES** that was a very well known word in the Greek world it meant *somebody who was following in the footsteps of somebody else.*

For example in *Matthew chapter 10* we read these verses where Jesus says *in verse 24*

Matthew 10:24

A disciple is not above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher,”

So a disciple is someone who becomes like somebody else. Or as he said like his teacher.

So the goal of a disciple is to become like Jesus Christ in our:

- 1) **Character and Conduct**
- 2) **Attitude and Actions**

To be progressively conformed into his image!

We begin to:

- THINK like he would THINK if he was thinking with you right now
 - ACT like he would ACT if he was acting with you right now
- BE what he would BE if was being with you right now
- It is becoming a replica of another.

But you and I live in a world dominated by Satan,

So what God wants to do is train men and women like you in the thinking of Jesus Christ.

So that the culture dominated by Satan has to deal with the influence of people that have been consumed by their teacher, having become disciples of Jesus Christ.

KINDNESS

So Jesus says he wants you to make disciples why?

Here s why so he can share his authority with you, Jesus only shares his Authority with disciples not merely Christians

You can live all your life and never see the rule of God in your life,
You can live all your Christian life and never see God over rule for your life.

Because what you are is a long distant Christian instead of an up-close disciple!

You get to see all authority operate when you become and when your involved in making a disciple!

It is your relationship to Jesus Christ, not just your belief in God, not just your accepting him as Savior, but your relationship as a close follower DISCIPLE that determines the authority you experience.

Jesus possess' all authority but if you have a long-distance relationship, you can't piggy back on that authority and get the benefits of that authority operating in your life!

YOU HAVE TO BE A DISCIPLE TO GET THIS!

What is Jesus asking of you....

He says all authority belongs to me so therefore make people into disciples so they can get the authority now and not just wait to get to heaven to see what it looks like!

3 Participles we must follow to make Disciples

3 participles Go, Baptize and Teach

1) GOING (Evangelism)

The word is used in *Matthew chapter 10* when he says
Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and tell them the messiah has come.

- When he says go, he means take your Witness. He means to pick up your cross, and bear it among the people of this world
- We can't get comfortable in our cookie cutter routines... going to church, going to work, \hanging out with friends. God calls us to be more than the world expects... he calls us to be set apart for him.
- When we are set apart from the world, there should be no question about whom you belong to

- See here, when He says to you and me GO and let them know the Messiah has come, it means that we have to get up from our comfortable schedules and GO tell people about the good news of Jesus.
- the truth of the matter is this; it's easy to live for Jesus in here, in this building, but the minute you leave this worship setting, you run a risk outside these four walls of being called a fanatic, a risk of someone saying your too spiritual or too serious!, you run the risk of people rejecting you, laughing at you for His name's sake! You simply run a risk!

- Jesus is saying the risk is so worth it! Take the RISK!!!

- **(2) Baptizing (Public Identification)**
 - Baptism has to do with a new union, you have become attached too, associated with, you have become connected to,
 - You are now reclassified in Jesus Christ
 - He is your new point of identification you are a Christian that means that your identity with God comes through your relationship with Christ.

That's why *Jesus says in Matthew 10*

If you deny me before men I will deny you before my father in heaven"

But then he says

If you confess me before men I will confess you before my father because my father is only going to do for you what I agree with and I'm only going to agree with stuff you include me in!

- Therefore, I want you to go as a baptized person as a person married to me/committed

Baptize them in the name, the name means authority, ownership, to be baptized in the name means his names owns you and then he gives the name of the father, the son and the holy spirit.

So that a doctor is no longer just a doctor he's God's representative in the medical field, so that the medical sees what it looks like when God helps hurting people

So that a businessman is not just a businessman he's God's representative in business so the business world gets to see what it looks like when God cuts a deal

So that the teacher is not just teacher he's God's representative in the classroom so the classroom gets to see what it looks like when god teaches a lesson

So the housewife is not just a housewife she's God's representative to the home so that the home gets to see what God looks like when God raises a family

Your job is representing the name!

- **(3) Teaching (Applying God's Word)**
 - The best way to teach discipleship is to be a living example of Jesus.
 - what do you teach them? Scholarly things? no,
 - Real discipleship is following the example of Christ and applying it to your

life!

- Jesus is simply saying teach them how to live, how to observe what the wordsays and to observe what Jesus has commanded us.

DAVID LOGAN— Who is helping you sand your cabinets that you can pour life into?

Christian Commitment ...

- there's a difference between **getting into the word and letting the word get into you.** ...

Jesus says... Teach them to obey what I have commanded you...

Matt 28:20 ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Teach them to obey because the Goal of discipleship is life touching life not just people in seats hearing sermons.

- So through teaching, Jesus is saying People are worth the risk!

Video 3 - "This is the result of Isaiah taking the Risk..."