

THE APPRENTICE

WEEK TWO: How Do We Make Jesus Apprentices?

INTRODUCTION – THE CHALLENGE

Matthew 28:18-20

Making Jesus Apprentices: Intentionally investing your _____ with _____ into those around you – and encouraging them to follow Him completely.

PRINCIPLES OF APPRENTICE MAKING...

1. Making Jesus Apprentices is for every _____. **Philemon 1:6**
2. You are _____ to make Jesus Apprentices. **1 Peter 1:3**
3. Apprentice making is a _____ endeavour. **Eph 4:15-16**
4. Apprentice making is pointing _____ to Jesus. **1 Cor 9:22-23**
5. Apprentice making is helping Christ Followers to _____. **Col 1:28-29**

HOW DID JESUS MAKE APPRENTICES?:

1. JESUS MADE APPRENTICES IN _____. **Mark 10:1**

ASSIGNMENT: Invite at least one person to _____ over the next few months.

2. JESUS MADE APPRENTICES IN _____. **Mark 3:13-14**

ASSIGNMENT: Engage in Apprentice making in your _____.

- a) Teaching them to _____.
- b) Developing _____.

Mat 28:20

3. JESUS MADE APPRENTICES _____.

Mat 17:1/ Luke 8:51/ Luke 9:28

ASSIGNMENT: Make yourself accessible to _____ and take them through a _____ training program.

- a) Focus on Jesus and His _____ – and how to obey Him.
- b) Share from your _____.
- c) Pray for their _____.
- d) Encourage them to _____ others.

Eph 3:14-19/Col 1:9-11

Matthew 5:19

CONCLUSION – A VISION FOR APPRENTICE MAKING

1 Corinthians 4:15-16

Recommendations For Further Study...

BOOKS... The Divine Conspiracy (Dallas Willard); Matthew For Everyone (Tom Wright).

TAPES... For Heaven's Sake (Series); Leap of Faith; The Way (Series)

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Do a review of this week's message, taking time to discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.
2. Jesus told us to make disciples – when it comes to apprentice making, what are some of the challenges or fears that hold you back?

LOOK TO THE BOOK

3. The Apostle Paul was a key leader in the life of The Early Church and a master apprentice maker. Break into smaller groups and divide up the following texts that focus on Paul's relationship with a young apprentice named Timothy: **Acts 16:1-5, Acts 17:13-15, Acts 19:21-22, Romans 16:20-21, 1 Corinthians 4:16-17, 2 Corinthians 1:19, Philippians 2:19-24, 1 Thessalonians 3:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 3:10-17.** Discuss these passages and note Paul's approach to apprentice making. What strikes you about Paul and Timothy's relationship? Share your findings with the larger group. What are some of the challenges that we face in applying Paul's approach to apprentice making in our context? What from Paul's example can we apply?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:10-13.** In the light of this passage, what are some of the dangers in focussing too much on any one individual (other than Jesus) for spiritual direction and growth? What can we do to overcome these dangers?

SO WHAT?

5. Discuss as a Home Church ways that we can be more intentional about apprentice making. Make your suggestions practical and commit to acting on them as a group.
6. Breaking into smaller groups -Pray for the spiritual seekers in your life, as well as for courage to be more proactive in helping other Christ Followers to grow.

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