

# The Mission to Make Disciples – Part One

1. The mission of all disciples – Matthew 28:18-20 (967); Acts 1:8 (1055)
  - A. Go and make disciples
  - B. You will be my witnesses
2. The process of making disciples
  - A. We are to pass on the truth we have been taught to others – 2 Timothy 2:2 (1155)
    - 1) Four generations of the making of a disciple
      - a. Someone taught us
      - b. We have believed the truth and become a disciple
      - c. We pass this teaching to others
      - d. These people must be prepared to teach others also
  - B. This process follows the pattern of generational transmission of the truth – Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 6-7 (178)
    - 1) Transmitting the truth to the next generation is dependent on each family teaching their children at every opportunity
  - C. One of Jesus' early disciples modeled this process of passing on the truth – John 1:43-45 (1028)
    - 1) Philip made a decision to follow Jesus
    - 2) Philip found Nathanael
    - 3) Philip told him what he knew about Jesus
  - D. The process demonstrated by an unlikely witness – John 4:1-42 (1030-31)
    - 1) The Samaritan woman was an unlikely witness due to racial, ethnic, economic and religious bias
    - 2) The Samaritan woman told what she knew to her circle of influence – vs. 39-42
    - 3) The multiplication of circles of influence results in the effective spread of the Gospel
  - E. God has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation to communicate to our world – 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (1122)
    - 1) God has made us new creations and reconciled us to God
    - 2) God has given us the ministry of reconciliation
    - 3) We are ambassadors of that message
    - 4) We speak on God's behalf
  - F. Even negative events like persecution resulted in the spread of the Gospel – Acts 8:1, 4 (1063)
  - G. Every believer is a part of this process