



Discipling Authentic Disciples

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The Great Commission

- Go therefore and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matt 28: 19, 20).
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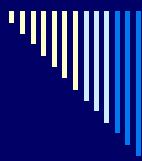
(Literal translation)

- Going therefore disciple you all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatever I gave command to you and behold I with you am all the days until the completion of the age.



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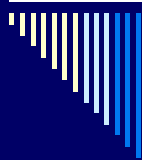
- Greek: *panta ta ethne*
- English translation: the nations
- Better translation: all the people
- or: all ethnic people groups



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(A better translation)

- As you are going into the world, disciple all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you, And I am with you to the end of the age.



Discipleship Defined

- The intentional training of disciples, with accountability, on the basis of loving relationships (Bill Hull).



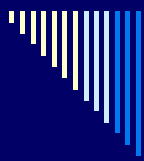
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- Christian discipleship is a process that takes place within accountable relationships over a period of time for the purpose of bringing believers to spiritual maturity in Christ (International Consultation on Discipleship).



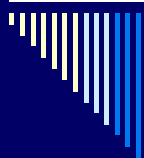
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- Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip, and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ, a process that includes equipping the disciple to teach others as well (Greg Ogden).



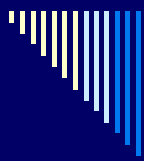
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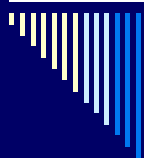
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- 2. Rate your congregation on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being spiritually undisciplined and 5 being spiritually disciplined



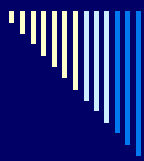
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- 3. Rate your congregation on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being private faith and 5 being holistic discipleship.



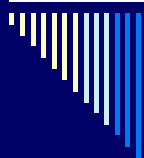
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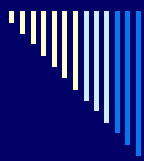
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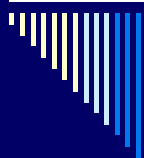
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- 6. Rate your congregation on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being biblically illiterate and 5 being biblically informed.



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- 7. Rate your congregation on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being shrinking from personal witness and 5 being sharing our faith.



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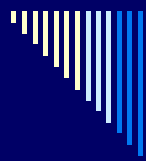
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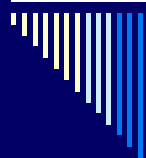
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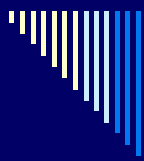
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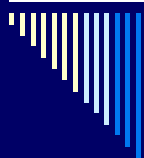
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