

What on earth are we doing?

The compelling call to **make disciples**

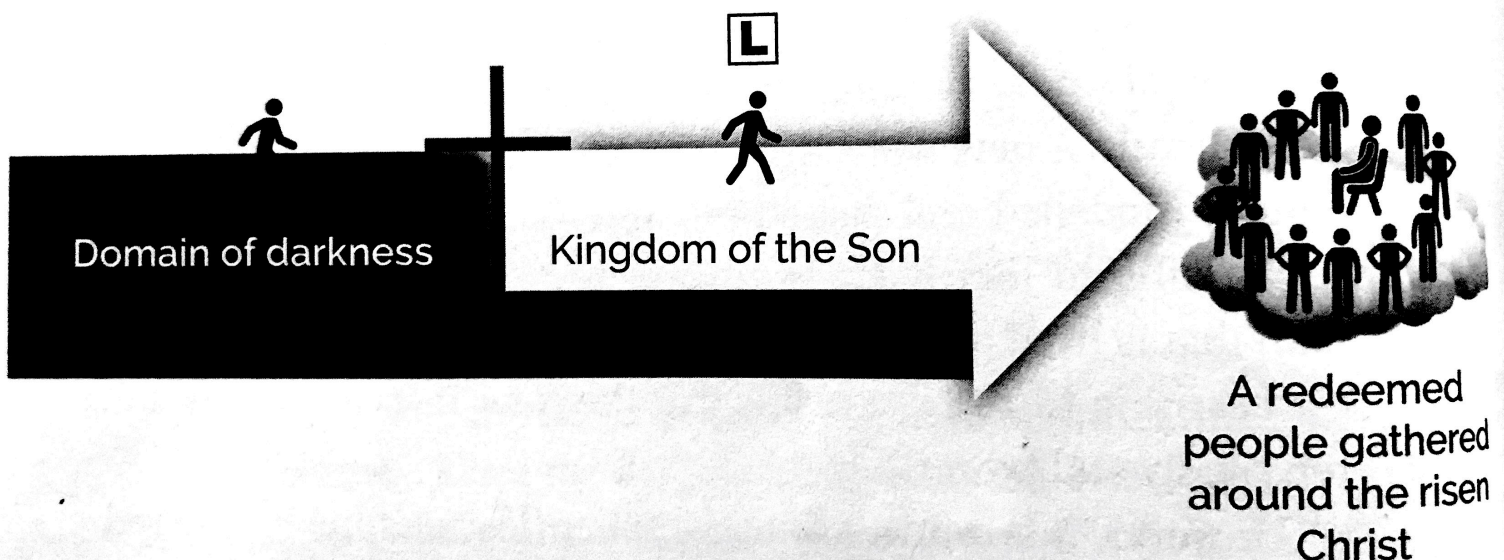
Teaching notes

BHAC Sunday 11 February 2018

Recap

- A significant series
- What does it mean for our church to see its *chief responsibility, under God, to be making and growing disciple making disciples of Jesus.*
- Three **quick requests** to make the most out of this:
 - Try your very best to be here every week
 - Seek to do the questions during the week (personally or in a group)
 - Talk with others about what you are learning and ask questions.
- **Series structure:**
 1. Why make disciples?
 2. **What is a disciple?**
 3. How are disciples made?
 4. Who makes disciples?
 5. Where to make disciples

Rescued and transformed



What is a disciple?

1. A learner or student. Discipleship is learner-ship

Luke 6:40

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

2. A disciple of Jesus is an exclusive, life and death kind of learner.

Luke 14:33

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

See also Mark 8:34–37

3. TWO Symbols

1. Baptism - a dying to old self

2. The Yoke - submission and obedience to a new teacher

Matt. 11:27

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

4. Transformative learning community?

5. Disciples in the rest of the New Testament

Rom. 16:17 *I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

1Cor. 14:31 *For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.*

Phil. 4:9 *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Phil. 4:11 *I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.*

Col. 1:5 *The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,*

Eph. 4:19 *Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.*

Eph. 4:20 *You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Titus 3:14 *Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.*

6. What is a disciple?

A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is learning Christ in repentance and faith

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND GROWTH GROUPS.

1. Read the following passages where Jesus explains what it means to be his disciple: Matthew 10:16-33, Mark 8:31-38; Luke 14:25-33.

For each passage consider the following:

- A. What do disciples need to learn about Jesus?
- B. What are the consequences of learning Christ in this way?
- C. Why is it inconsistent to 'learn Christ' and not subject our whole life to his will?
- D. What alternative masters does Jesus highlight?

2. Discuss each of the following common views of discipleship. What truth, if any, do they express? Where might they be inadequate or wrong?

- 1. "Discipleship is a second stage of Christian experience that happens sometime after conversion. You can be a Christian but its only the dedicated and committed people who are disciples."
- 2. "Discipleship is an intentional ministry strategy or program - like one-to-one mentoring, small groups, or a 12 week discipleship course."
- 3. The essence of discipleship is personal accountability to a discipler. Discipleship is about the kind of trusted relationship where someone keeps us accountable about our personal devotions, church attendance, or avoidance of particular sins."
- 4. "Preaching is not really about discipling people. It is more to do with proclamation, teaching and exhortation."

3. Compose your own concise statement of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus