

out more ministers. This strategy is how Jesus planned to “make disciples of all nations.”

Christ’s strategy has not changed one bit over the past two thousand years. He is still looking to us to challenge disciples to become disciple makers. Jesus wants us to invite trained disciples to “Go Out” and make more disciples. Can you name someone who is making disciples because you discipled them? Your walk with Christ can be maximized only through your commitment to help multiply disciples of Christ.

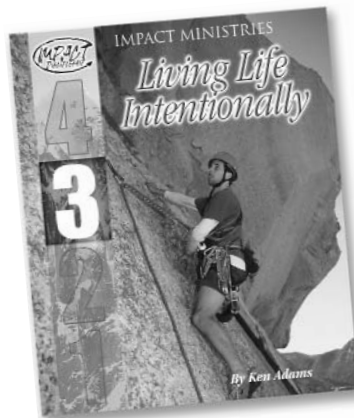
“Funnel Vision”

When you take the four great invitations that Jesus gave, and view them as a complete disciple-making strategy, you begin to understand the strategy. Jesus invited His culture to join a crowd of people willing to “come and see.” Jesus invited the crowd to join community by asking them to “follow Me.” Jesus took those in community and equipped them as a disciple-making core. Jesus challenged the core by calling them to the ministry of disciple-making. In each step, the number of people willing to make the commitment decreased. The strategy looked like this:



Are you living your life with the same intentionality as Christ? Does the methodology of your life match that of Christ’s life? Are you living your life in such a way that two thousand years from now, your influence for Christ will still be impacting people’s lives? The best way to maximize your life is to live for something that will outlast it. The one thing that will outlast your life, is investing in making disciples who will, in turn, make disciples. I challenge you to make the most of your life by making

disciples for Jesus Christ!



If you want to learn more about living with an intentional methodology, I encourage you to order the twelve week course entitled, *Living Life Intentionally*.

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INTENTIONAL METHODOLOGY FOR LIVING



How do we make the most of our lives? How do we live our lives in a way that impacts the outcome of eternity? How do we seize the day for Christ?

Years ago, a pastor calculated a seventy-year life span into a twenty-four hour clock. Here is how he broke everything down.

If you are 15 years old, it is 10:25 a.m.

If you are 20 years old, it is 11:34 a.m.

If you are 25 years old, it is 12:42 p.m.

If you are 30 years old, it is 1:51 p.m.

If you are 35 years old, it is 3:00 p.m.

If you are 40 years old, it is 4:00 p.m.

If you are 45 years old, it is 5:16 p.m.
If you are 50 years old, it is 6:25 p.m.
If you are 55 years old, it is 7:34 p.m.
If you are 60 years old, it is 8:42 p.m.
If you are 65 years old, it is 9:51 p.m.

And

If you are 70 years old, it is 11:00 p.m.

When I think about how fast life is flying by, I am reminded of the quote “Life is short, will soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last.”

Making the most of the life we’ve been given begins by living your life intentionally. In John 14:12 Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” Living your life intentionally simply means “doing what Jesus did.”

So what did Jesus do? Jesus lived His life so intentionally and strategically that two thousand years later people are still being influenced by His life. Jesus lived until 3:00 according to the twenty-four hour clock, but those thirty-three years are still impacting the eternal destiny of millions. Jesus took a handful of seekers and helped them become servants. Jesus took a multitude and turned them into ministers. Jesus helped fringe followers become fully developed disciples. Jesus’ methodology for impacting lives was simple. In fact, His approach was one that you and I can easily imitate. Let’s take a look at what Jesus did.

JESUS INVITED PEOPLE TO “COME AND SEE”

The first step Jesus took in helping seekers become servants was to invite them to “Come and See.” In John 1:39, Jesus said to two of John’s disciples, “Come and you will see.” John goes on to tell us that these disciples accepted Jesus’ invitation and spent the day with Him.

This first step Jesus employed in His strategy was fairly low on the commitment scale. He was not asking them to follow Him, or obey Him, or go out for Him. He was simply asking them to check out the life He could offer them. This was the equivalent of a “test drive.” It was their chance to kick the tires, sit behind the wheel, and learn more about the journey Jesus was traveling. Jesus wants us to extend this same invitation to the seekers in our world. Jesus wants us to live a “Come and See” lifestyle. When was the last time you invited someone to come and check out what Christ and the church have to offer? You cannot impact eternity if you are not inviting others to come and see.

JESUS INVITED PEOPLE TO “COME AND FOLLOW”

The second step Jesus took in helping seekers become servants was to invite them to “Come and Follow Him.” In John 1:43, Jesus is leaving for Galilee and He invites Philip to, “Follow Me.”

This second step in Jesus’ strategy represented a deeper level of commitment. With this invitation, Jesus was asking His potential disciples to travel with Him. He was asking them to join Him in community. Jesus was inviting these individuals to walk with Him, talk with Him, and share life with Him. Fellowship with Jesus was a fundamental step in development as disciples.

Jesus wants us to extend this same invitation to the seekers in our world. Jesus wants us to invite those who are willing to identify with Him to join community. Once we identify with Christ, the next step is to identify with His family. When was the last time you asked someone to join you in a small group community? You cannot move people from seeker to servant without inviting them to share life in the community of believers.

HE INVITED PEOPLE TO “COME AND REMAIN”

The third step of Jesus’ strategy was to invite them to “remain” in Him. In John 15:7, Jesus says, “If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

The “come and remain” step is one of obedience. In this step Jesus is asking for another level of commitment. In John 8:31 Jesus says “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples.” With this invitation Jesus is asking His followers to become students. He is asking them to be trained and taught. Jesus was building disciples who would model both His character and conduct. Holding to Christ’s teachings was a fundamental step in the development of His disciples.

Today, Jesus expects us to invite others to “come and remain.” Jesus wants us to invite those in the community of believers to become students. Helping those in the multitude become ministers requires training. How long has it been since you discipled someone? You cannot help people move from fringe followers to fully developed disciples without teaching from the teachings of Christ.

HE INVITED PEOPLE TO “COME AND GO”

The final step in Jesus’ disciple-making strategy was to invite people to “come and go out from Him.” In John 20:21 Jesus said, “...As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.”

This last step in Christ’s strategy was the ultimate expression of commitment. Christ was now asking His disciples to do what He did. Jesus was inviting His disciples to be ministers. He was asking them to join Him in a ministry of disciple making. Jesus wanted His disciples to reach out to seekers, plug followers into community, build up disciples, and send