

## 1990s: Developing Dynamic Disciples for Christ

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**INTRODUCTION:** The 3D Hook.

Matthew 4:17-19 (New International Version 1984)

<sup>17</sup> *...Jesus began to preach, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**"*

<sup>18</sup> *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "**Come, follow me,**" Jesus said, "**and I will make you fishers of men.**"*

### Developing Dynamic Disciples for Christ

- 1: Vs. 17: **Repent:** Time to turn life in God's direction.
- Matthew 4:16 **The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**
- 2: Vs. 17: **for the kingdom of heaven is near:** God is now at work in the world through people like you and me.
- Acts 11:21 **The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.**

3: Vs. 19: **Come, follow me:** Make Jesus your highest priority.

- Isaiah 8:16-18 <sup>16</sup> **Bind up the testimony and seal up the law among my disciples.** <sup>17</sup> **I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.** <sup>18</sup> **Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.**

4: Vs. 19: **and I will make you fishers of men:** Jesus can make me and use me to fulfill God's great vision.

- Acts 11:25-26 <sup>25</sup> **Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,** <sup>26</sup> **and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.**

**CONCLUSION:** Worship. Connect. Learn. Serve.

#### Pathway to Engagement

**Worship:** Celebrate God together.

**Connect:** Develop faith relationships.

**Learn:** Know to live God's Word.

**Serve:** Bring Christ's love to others.

# G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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**Monday:** Read *Matthew 4:17-19*. Kendra Creasy Dean, a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary interviewed more than 3000 teenagers. She discovered those teens who are committed Christians share four traits: They have...

- a personal story about God they can share
- a deep connection to a faith community
- a sense of purpose
- a sense of hope about their future

All dynamic disciples develop these four traits, regardless of age. As you reflect on these four in your life, where are you the strongest? Where do you need further growth in one (or all) four traits? How will you pursue such growth?

**Tuesday:** Read *Mark 12:30*. **Repent: Time to turn life in God's direction.** When Jesus gave the Great Commandment, he spoke of loving God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength. As you think about turning your life to God, consider the re-turn you need towards God:

For your **Heart**, are you finding time on a daily and weekly basis to confess your sins? To repent, to get right with God? To respond to the purpose God has for your life?

For your **Soul**, when and how do you respond to God in the depth of your being? How does God feed your spirit, your emotions? What inspires you? Are you feeding your soul on God's Word by yourself and with others?

For your **Mind**, what are you putting in your mind? Are you reflecting on God's Word as you read it, as you hear it? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through God's Word?

For your **Strength**, how are you responding physically to worship? Are you more in tune when you sit, when you stand? Have you set aside a physical place at home (I call this “chair time”), to get in touch with God?

**Wednesday:** Read *Matthew 4:17* and *Acts 11:21*. **for the kingdom of heaven is near: God is now at work in the world through people like you and me.** Since the kingdom of heaven refers to God’s work in the world, where have you seen God at work in your life and the life of our community? Where are you praying for people to see God’s work?

**Thursday:** Read *Matthew 4:19* and *Isaiah 8:16-18*. **Come, follow me: Make Jesus your highest priority.** What are the “signs and symbols” of other people’s lives that point you to God? Where are the “signs and symbols” of your life pointing people?

**Friday:** Read *Matthew 4:19* and *Acts 11:25-26*. **...and I will make you fishers of men: Jesus can make me and use me to fulfill God’s great vision.** Who do you know that does not know Jesus? Are you praying for them? If you do not know someone by name, ask God to give you some names. Until then, pray for our community to know Jesus. Even more, pray for God to use you to lead someone to Jesus.

**Saturday:** Read *Matthew 4:17-19*. **David Platt** in his book **Radical** writes about **disciples who are receivers and those who are reproducers.** Receivers take in teaching. Reproducers take teaching and pass it on to others. In developing dynamic disciples for Christ in your life how are you receiving and where are you producing? Or think of it in terms of: Who disciples you? Who do you disciple?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *Radical* by David Platt.

NEXT WEEK: **The 2000s: Develop Deep Faith Relationships**